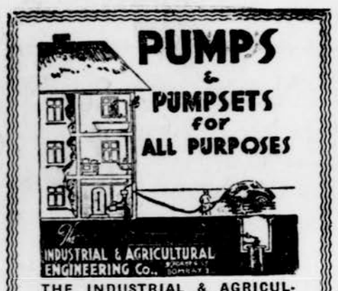

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'Cease Fire' Appeal To Belligerents

Papal Nuncio In Berlin

Peace Talks With Ribbentrop

BERNE, December 20.

Cardinal Orsenigo, Papal Nuncio in Berlin had a long conversation with Herr von Ribbentrop at Wilhelmstrasse.

According to the Berlin Correspondent of "Bale National Seitung", the conversation concerned an appeal for peace by the Pope.

The Correspondent adds that His Holiness will issue an appeal for peace to the whole world on Christmas.

The appeal will be read in all Catholic Churches in the world.—Reuter.

SPECULATION ON HITLER'S CHRISTMAS

LONDON, December 20.

Herr Hitler left Berlin to-day presumably for Berchtesgaden. It is not known whether he intends to continue the custom of spending Christmas with members of the Nazi Party in the Beer Cellar at Munich.—Reuter.

Wilhelmina's Call For Peace During X'mas

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20.

Speaking from the palace, the Queen broadcast a message to her people at home and abroad. She appealed to all defence services to preserve in their work of safeguarding the peace and welfare of the homeland and Dutch possessions overseas. Her Majesty referred appreciatively to the sacrifices made by all sections of the community, particularly the sailors and fisherfolk.

Finally the Queen expressed the hope that during the coming Christmas festival God's message of peace would be understood not only by her own people but by nations throughout the world.—Reuter.

Herr Himmler's Second Visit To Rome

ROME, December 20.

Herr Himmler has arrived here on a second visit within two months.—Reuter.

Independent Holland Essential To Belgium

BRUSSELS, Dec. 20.

M. Spaak, the Prime Minister, in a speech in the Chamber declared: "An independent and neutral Holland is indispensable to Belgium's neutrality. It would be imprudent to determine now the attitude we would take if situation in Holland changed, but it would be equally imprudent to state that a new situation would leave us indifferent."

Small Vessels With Balloon Barrages

LONDON, Dec. 20.

In addition to-night patrols, small vessels have been stationed around the coast with balloon barrages. The types used are the same as are used to protect London from air raids.—Reuter.

FRENCH NAVAL CHIEF IN LONDON

For Parleys With Churchill

LONDON, December 20.

Admiral Darlan, Commander-in-Chief of the French Navy arrived in England to hold conversations with Mr. Winston Churchill.

Admiral Darlan crossed the Channel in a French destroyer and was received at Portsmouth by Admiral Sir William James. Admiral Darlan was accompanied by Admiral Gouton and two other officers of the French Navy.—Reuter.

Mahatma's Draft On Political Situation

UNDER DISCUSSION BY WORKING COMMITTEE

Congress Case For Constituent Assembly And Safeguards For Minorities

WARDHAGANJ, December 20

The "United Press" reliably understands that the Working Committee will direct the Congress members of the Central Legislature to attend the ensuing session of the Legislature.

The Working Committee held five and half hours' sitting in the evening with Mahatma Gandhi attending all the time. But they did not adopt any resolution.

The Committee will sit to-morrow, when it is expected that the main resolution as also the resolution on Bengal would be released.

Significance is attached to the fact that Babu Rajendra Prasad, inspite of ill-health, accompanied Mahatma Gandhi to Shegaon.

Sir Stafford Cripps left for Calcutta 'via' Raigarh.

Mr. Harekrishna Mahtab left for Cuttack to attend a meeting of the Provincial Congress Committee fixed for December 22.—United Press.

MAHATMA'S DRAFT

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 20.

The main resolution drafted by Mahatma Gandhi, after a day's deliberations, was put under close examination at the meeting of the Working Committee this evening.

The author of the draft was detained until about eight o'clock for a threadbare discussion of the same with the members. As it was found necessary to make certain alterations here and there, Babu Rajendra Prasad accompanied Gandhiji to give the finishing touches to the draft at Shegaon.

The "United Press" understands that besides reviewing the present political situation the resolution makes a strong case for a Constituent Assembly, with proper safeguards for Minorities and the civil and religious liberty of all citizens. The resolution will also call upon Congressmen all over the country to apply themselves to the constructive programme, as an essential preliminary to any further action.

The resolution on Bengal which was drafted by the President, Babu Rajendra Prasad according to the direction of the Committee was also examined and with certain minor alterations will be given final shape to-morrow.—United Press.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

WARDHA, Dec. 20.

The Congress Working Committee adjourned at 7 p.m. after a five-hour sitting.

Mahatma Gandhi was present throughout the meeting. Contrary to general expectation, no resolution was released to-day. It was stated that discussion on the main political resolution was still proceeding, and also that a few other questions relating to the Independence Day celebration and Bengal affairs were discussed to-day.—A. P.

Next Meeting Of Congress Cabinet

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 20.

As at present arranged, the next meeting of the Working Committee will be held at Wardha by January 15.—United Press.

SURPRISED AT JINNAH'S LATEST

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 20.

The reaction at Wardha of Mr. M. A. Jinnah's recent statement to the effect that his thanksgiving manifesto is not directed against Hindus but the Congress, has been of mixed feeling, surprise and pessimism.

It is said that only a few months back Mr. Jinnah dubbed the Congress as a Hindu organisation and by his latest statement he absolves the Congress of the charge of communalism and recognises it as a political body. —United Press.

"INDEPENDENCE DAY"

To Be Observed As Usual

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 20.

The morning session of the Working Committee discussed routine matters.

The "United Press" understands that it has been decided to observe Independence Day' as usual when the independence pledge will be reiterated.

It is understood that the Bengal resolution which is being drafted by Dr. Rajendra Prasad himself according to the decision of the Committee will be released this evening.—United Press.

Complaints From Sukkur And Noakhali

WARDHAGANJ, Dec. 20.

The "United Press" understands that the Working Committee has received serious complaints from Noakhali in Bengal and Sukkur regarding the communal situations there, and is giving its earnest consideration to the matter.—United Press.

TWO DAYS 'OFF' FOR LONDON PAPERS

LONDON, December 20.

London newspapers will not be published on December 25 and 26.—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The death has occurred of Admiral Archibald Stoddart, second in command to Admiral Sturdee at the battle of Falkland Islands in 1914.—Reuter.

Sir Stafford Cripps who went to Wardha to see Mahatma Gandhi is seen here at Jamnalalji's place. On his left is his personal Secretary.

'Graf Spee's' Captain Commits 'Hara-kiri'

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 20.

It is reported that Captain Langsdorf, Captain of the "Graf Spee" has shot himself.

Captain Langsdorf shot himself with a revolver last night at the Emigrants' Hospital.

In a letter which he had left, the Captain stated that he had decided to share the fate of the "Graf Spee" and postponed committing suicide, until he was sure of the safety of the officers and men.

New York:—The German Embassy has announced that Captain Langsdorff, Commander of the "Graf Spee," committed suicide He shot himself dead with a revolver at Buenos Aires Naval Arsenal last night. The body was found in the morning.—Reuter.

No Rent Campaign Threat In U. P.?

Implications Of Governor's Withholding Of Assent To Bill

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, December 20.

The fact that the Governor has not yet given consent and stayed the Arrears of Rent Remission Bill is causing great anxiety among U. P. Congressmen.

It is understood the Governor is being pressed by landlords not to give assent to this Bill.

The new Government therefore find themselves between two fires.

The Council of the U. P. Congress Committee which meets on December 27, will consider the situation and the steps to be taken in case the Governor withholds assent to the Bill. No date has yet been fixed for the enforcement of the Tenancy Bill even in case the Governor withholds assent to the Rent Remission Bill.

A delicate situation is likely to arise in U. P. which may even precipitate a no-rent campaign.

Double Rates For Priority For Getting Trunk Connection

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, December 20.

It is proposed to introduce priority to telephone calls from 1st January next. This would mean, those who agree to pay double rates would get priority in getting trunk connections. Also the period of concessional rates between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. would be reduced to commence from 10 p.m. till 8 a.m. Mainly these proposals are intended to relieve extreme congestion on trunk calls, but they would also yield more revenue.

Incidentally, this year, it is expected the Post and Telegraph revenue would yield about a crore of rupees more earnings than last year owing to increased use of telephones and uncodified telegrams to foreign countries after war.

It is also believed, the code system would be reintroduced sooner and final decision announced within a week.

LONDON INDIANS APPEAL TO JINNAH

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, December 20.

The Indian Swaraj League has cabled to Mr. Jinnah as follows: "Strongly requesting abandonment of anti-Congress day which is likely to promote communal feud and strengthen British policy of weakening national struggle".

TRIBAL LEADER KILLED

PESHAWAR, Dec. 20.

The notorious leader of tribal bandits named Kastar, who kidnapped Major Duggal, I.M.S., a few weeks ago is reported to have been killed in the Bhittani-inhabited area, says a Dera Ismail Khan message.

Another report says that Mr. Abdul Khalik, Sub-Inspector of the Telephones Department, has been released from the clutches of the tribesmen without ransom. Efforts to effect the release of Major Duggal are still fruitless.—United Press.

'COLUMBUS' FOLLOWS RAIDER 'GRAF SPEE' TO WATERY GRAVE

32,581 TON LINER SCUTTLES HERSELF ON SIGHTING BRITISH SHIP TO AVOID RISK OF ENCOUNTER OR SEIZURE

LONDON, Dec 20.

The Admiralty announced at 9 p. m. that the German Liner "Columbus" (32,581 tons) on sighting one of His Majesty's ships some 400 miles north of Bermuda set herself on fire and her crew abandoned her. No further details are yet available.

A New York message says:—The German liner "Columbus" it is reported, scuttled herself. The United States cruiser "Tuscaloosa" was standing by to pick up the crew.

According to Washington message:—The "Tuscaloosa" is reported to have rescued approximately 400 survivors of the "Columbus" and is taking them to New York.

The "Columbus" is still floating but is on fire. Immigration officials in New York declared that if a special board of inquiry found that the survivors were "bona fide merchant seamen" they would be permitted to remain in the United States for 60 days and would receive "the same courteous treatment as is extended to seamen of any country." If the Board found any members of the crew to be naval operatives or spies they would be held for "special disposal".

According to a Washington message State Department officials have disclosed, that according to calculations the "Columbus" was scuttled almost 250 miles, inside America's neutrality zone which, it is understood, extends several hundred miles from the coast at some points.

They are immediately studying the question whether this meant an act of war within the zone.

NO VIOLATION OF NEUTRALITY

NEW YORK, December 20.

Mr. Stephen declared that more complete reports now received convinced the United States Government that "Columbus" scuttled herself, in order to avoid the risk of an encounter or seizure outside the Neutrality zone. No naval action or encounter was reported, therefore the question of any violation of neutrality zone was not involved.—Reuter.

THE "TUSCALOOSA" LATER REPORTED THAT THERE WERE 579 SURVIVORS OF THE "COLUMBUS" AND THAT NO LIVES WERE LOST. IT APPEARS THAT THE "TASCALOOSA" FOUND THE "COLUMBUS" ALREADY ON FIRE AND SINKING.

The United States Navy tonight broadcast a warning to all shipping that the "Columbus" and 22 of her life-boats, which were reported adrift, constituted a menace to navigation. The liner's position has given as some 500 miles west-south-west of New York.

Confirmation Available

The confirmation of the scuttling of the "Columbus" has been received from the United States cruiser "Tuscaloosa" which reports that she was on routine duty about 300 miles north-east of Cape Henry (Virginia) when she found the "Columbus" sinking and picked up survivors.

A British warship was in the vicinity but there is no evidence of a fight.

President Roosevelt's Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early stated that British warships may have been trailing the "Columbus" until she was outside the neutrality zone and the "Columbus" probably scuttled herself to prevent capture.

The "Columbus" took refuge in Mexican waters at the outbreak of the war and sailed from Vera Cruz on Thursday with clearance papers for Oslo, after fully fuelling and providing herself with provisions and was escorted through the American coastal waters by the United States warships.

The North German Lloyd officials in New York are stunned by the news. "My God it is just one blow after another", exclaimed

(Continued on page 7, col. 3).

AGA KHAN AS PEACE EMISSARY?

Speculations On His Flying Visit

KARACHI, December 20.

His Highness the Aga Khan is reported to be on his way to India by a specially chartered 'plane. He is accompanied by his family, and after staying for a few days in Karachi, will proceed to Bombay to spend the Christmas there.

H. H. the Aga Khan's visit at this juncture has given rise to speculation here whether it has not any bearing on the present political deadlock in this country.—United Press.

SIKANDAR KHAN LEAVES FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

"Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, the Premier, left suddenly last night for an "unknown destination". It is believed here that he has gone to Bombay in connection with the settlement of Hindu-Muslim question.

Asked where the Premier had gone to, Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan's private secretary stated that he learnt only last night that he had left suddenly for an "unknown destination".

How Britain Exercises Contraband Control:

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Reuter learns from official sources that contraband control has not yet physically unloaded any exports of German origin, although a number of cargoes have been allowed to proceed only under the terms of the so-called "black diamond" guarantee under which the shipping company concerned gives a guarantee that the goods carried will not be released at the port of destination until the contraband control authorities are satisfied.

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1. To adopt the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 30th June 1939.
2. To sanction the declaration of a dividend.
3. To confirm the appointment of the Hon'ble Sir Rahimtoola M. Chinoy, Kt., as a Director of the Company.
4. To elect a Director in place of Mr. Maneklal Premchand who retires by rotation, but being eligible, offers himself for re-election under Art. 97 of the Articles of Association.
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6. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

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Ballard Estate,
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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that my client Bai KASTURBAI widow of Pandit Hanumanprasad Vaidya has revoked and cancelled her Power of Attorney granted to Vaidya Gajanan Sharma of Kalbadevi Road.

V. M. VORA.
Advocate for Bai Kasturbai.
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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY.

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J. A. NEALE.
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V. V. KIRTANE,
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D. S. B. Office,
Thana, 18-12-39.
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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

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E. A. NADIRSHAH,
Hydraulic Engineer.
Hydraulic Engineer's Office,
Improvement Trust Building,
Napier Road, Fort,
Bombay, 21st December, 1939.
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In the matter of the INDIAN TRADES EXHIBITION CO., LTD.
(In Voluntary Liquidation)
and
In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT, 1913.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the abovenamed Company will be held at Professor Davar's Chamber at Davar's College of Commerce at 80, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay on TUESDAY, the 30th day of January, 1940, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) in the afternoon for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which winding up has been conducted and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the liquidator and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the Company and of the liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1939.

SOHRAB R. DAVAR,
Liquidator,
The Indian Trades Exhibition Co. Ltd.
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Dated this 20th day of December, 1939.

SOHRAB R. DAVAR, Liquidator.
The Indian Trades Exhibition Co., Ltd.
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Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY No. 285 OF 1939.

Re: KHIMJI BHANJI of Bombay: ..... A Debtor.
Ex parte: VRAJLAL PRANLAL: .. Petitioning Creditor.

On the 19th day of December, 1939, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 20th day of December, 1939.

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Insolvency Registrar.
(1621)

GRAND X'MAS ATTRACTION

THE CAPITOL

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Wage Increase Necessary: Only Price Control Not Enough

Statement By Secretaries Of Mahagai Conference Committee

The following is the summary of the manifesto, issued by the Mahagai Conference Reception Committee of the Bombay Provincial T. U. Congress over the signatures of its Secretaries, S. A. Dange, Nimbkar, S. V. Parulekar, and Zulmiram Chaudhary.

It was clear that both national and foreign capitalists were going to reap profits out of the war and in this they have proved themselves true to their ilk. Thus we see the horrible spectacle of capitalists and middlemen making profits by raising unjustifiably the prices of food and necessities of life on the one hand and of industrial goods on the other, thus fleecing both the peasants, and workers. Thus the one set of profiteers viz. the manufacturers demand control over prices of raw materials so that they may get them cheap and reap benefit out of rising prices of industrial goods (e.g. cloth).

The merchants of raw-materials and food, landlords, and cotton-brokers, who want to keep their profit intact demand control over prices of industrial goods. The former set thus demands price-control at the cost of the latter, and the latter at the cost of the former, the former in the name of workers and the latter in the name of peasants. But cheap clothing for the workers and fair prices for peasants produce are nothing but myths.

All this reveals in its true colours, the hideous class-interest which hides behind the demands of price-control made by groups of profiteers. "Therefore, not satisfied with this demand for price-control, the toilers and workers must demand immediate wage-increase for workers and agricultural labourers and fair prices for the produce of the small peasants together with control over profiteers, who corner the market." This alone can satisfy the needs of the hour.

"The Indian working class is no more ignorant, scattered and unorganised as it was in 1914. During the last war, it raised its protest only after 3 years of distress and that too on a megre scale with the result that it could not get an increase proportionate to the rise in prices. The same working-class steeled in many a battle, trained in the school of trade-unionism for the last 20 years, equipped with class-consciousness and organised strength, has begun to move. The jute-workers of Bengal won 10-15 per cent. by using the tried and tested weapon of the general strike. The seamen, on the strength of their organisation, have recorded partial gains. The textile workers are following suit.

It is to carry forward the struggle for war-allowance that the workers of Bombay Presidency in all industries, both organised and unorganised, are going to hold the Mahagai Conference on 24th December, 1939. Textile and dock-workers, railwaymen, seamen, tramwaymen, press and hotel and bidi and building workers, engineering and iron and workshop-men are closing their ranks to give the call for wage-increase. Only organised efforts like this can be crowned with success. The situation is fast worsening. The sharp rise in prices has made it impossible for toilers to make both ends meet. At some places, bazaars have been looted. Every weekly bazaar in the mofussil witnesses its angry scenes, scuffles between profiteers and toilers, indicating the rise in the tempers of the masses.

This is being exploited by their enemies to foment communal riots. The workers must beware of such traps. Only organised and disciplined movement can bring relief to the workers. The weapon of organised strike must be sharpened. Organised fight alone can save the working class from impending disaster protect it from the onslaughts of profiteers, middlemen, and capitalist. Forward to organised struggle."

CONGRESS AND ANTI-CASTE MOVEMENT

Kriplani's Letter To Jatpat Torak Mandal

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

The Congress viewpoint on the anti-Caste movement in India has been expressed by Acharya Kriplani, General Secretary, in the course of a letter to the Secretary of the Jat Pat Torak Mandal.

The Mandal at its annual conference held last month had passed a resolution urging the Indian National Congress to support the anti-caste movement in India., and this decision was communicated to the General Secretary of the Indian National Congress who acknowledging the letter writes:

"The Congress policy has so far been confined to the removal of untouchability in all shapes and forms. Our belief is that once untouchability is removed from Hinduism the caste system will automatically disappear. To raise the question of the caste system on the platform of the Congress would be not to unite the different castes together but to divide them further, by raising a fresh controversy. I am sure you will appreciate this difficulty of ours.

I shall however draw the attention of the Working Committee to the resolution of your Mandal."

A. P.

All-India Educational Conference

Under the auspices of the All-India Federation of Educational Associations a Conference will be held at Lucknow. The main theme of the Conference and the Sectional meetings will be National Scheme of Education for India. December 26—31.

Officers of the Conference :—

President of the Conference :—Dr. Sir S. Radhakrishnan.

President of the Federation :—P. Seshadri, M.A., Principal, Government College, Ajmer.

Chairman, Reception Committee :—Dr. Raj Raleshwar Bali, B.A., O.B.E., D. Litt., Fyzabad Road, Lucknow.

Tuesday (26th Dec) 3-30 p.m. : Opening of the All-India Educational Exhibition, at Fairfield Hall.

INTERNATIONALISM AND PEACE SECTION

There will be a Sectional Conference on Internationalism and Peace with Dr. V. S. Ram, Ph. D., Head of the Political Science Department in the Lucknow University, in the Chair. A very interesting programme of lectures and papers is being arranged. All those interested are requested to communicate with the Local Secretary, Dr. Sharma, of the Political Science Department, Lucknow University.

CHILDHOOD AND HOME EDUCATION CONFERENCE

There will be a Sectional Conference on "Childhood and Home Education" in connection with the All-India Educational Conference, which will be presided by Miss Qamar Jahan Jafar Ali of Aligarh Muslim University. A very interesting programme of lectures and papers is being prepared Please write to Mrs. P. N. Shukla, M.A.,B.T., Mahila Vidyalaya College, Lucknow.

SECONDARY EDUCATION

The Secondary Education Section of the All-India Educational Conference will meet on December 28th, 1939 at 11-30 a.m. in Fairfield Hall, Lucknow Christian College, under the chairmanship of Mr. Malkhani, Principal, Training College, Benares Hindu University, Benares. Interesting papers will be read.

All-India Women Students' Conference

(From A Correspondent).

LUCKNOW : (By Mail).

It is decided to hold a conference where sisters from different parts of India could meet together and exchange their views. The problems that face us are the same and a conference where different minds agree, differ and decide is the only means of finding out their solution.

This conference has no definite political colour. Every effort will be made to make it representative of all shades of opinion.

The Conference will take place on the 30th and 31st January, 1940 under the presidentship of Miss Renu Roy of Bengal. She has been actively associated with the student organisations in Europe and was a representative from India to the World Youth Congress, held at Vassar College (U.S.A.). Mrs. Sarojini Naidu has been requested to inaugurate the Conference. Among those who will address the Conference are : Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, (ex-Minister, U.P.); Mrs. Asaf Ali and Begam Ezaz Rasul, Deputy-Speaker, U.P. Legislative Council.

Letters should be addressed to Miss Sultana Minhaj (Lady Kailash Hostel, Lucknow University, Lucknow). Suggestions about the Conference and resolutions should be sent to Lady Kailash Hostel, Lucknow, at an early date. Delegation fee is rupee one only.

ALL-INDIA CONFERENCE OF INDIAN CHRISTIANS

The All-India Council of Indian Christians will meet at Nagpur on the 27th, 28th and 29th of December. Members of the Council and delegates from affiliated associations are invited. Others desirous of being present as visitors or as co-opted members are requested to communicate with Mr. B. L. Rallia Ram, Hon. General Secretary of the Council, C/o P. O. Box 133, Lahore.

HINDUSTAN SCOUTS MELA

The first All-India Mela of Hindustan Boy Scouts' Association which is to be held at Amritsar during Christmas days.

It is estimated that more than 10,000 scouts from various parts of India will join the Mela.

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On The Air

THURSDAY, DEC. 21.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Songs from the Screen. 5-30 Ghulam Sabiri. 5-40 Fritz Kreisler: Violin. 6-15 Kumari Yamuna Sane. 6-30 For Villagers. 7-15 Fifty Years Ago, 6, Maktab: Sketch in Hindustani. 7-35 Hanuman Prasad. 7-45 Violin recital by Husn Lal. 8 French Idea of Civilisation: Talk. 8-15 Ramzan Khan. 8-30 Akhtaribai of Agra. 8-50 Clarionet recital by A I R artist. 10 Durbari.

Delhi II—Programme

60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 6-30 As in Delhi 1. 6-30 Hanuman Prasad. 6-45 Akhtaribai of Agra. 7 Ramzan Khan. 7-15 to 7-35 As in Delhi 1. 7-35 Kumari Yamuna Sane. 7-45 J. S. Chowdhury. 8 to 10 As in Delhi 1. 10 Geet, Bhajan aur Ghazalen.

Lahore Programme

276 metres (1,086 kc/s)

6-10 For Countryside. 7 Airvoice Orchestra. 7-5 Mohammad Saeed: Ghazal and Geet. 7-15 Children's Programme. 7-45 Shamshad Begam. 7-55 Bichhora on the Sarangi. 8 Iqbal Mohammad Qawwal and Party. 8-15 The Pedagogue's Psychology, 6: Educational Expert, talk. 8-30 Shamshad Begam. 8-50 Thumri Jhinjhoti on Sarangi by Ahmedi Khan. 9-50 Habeebullah. 10-5 Melody on Strings. 10-10 Shamshad Begam.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Lalit-ki-Lali: Abdul Karim Khan. 8-25 Vividh-Rup. 9 Ahmed Dilawer. 9-20 Jalatarang solo by Kumar Shri of Goa. 9-30 Thumri and Bhajan: G. M Durrani. 9-45 The Bombay Radio Orchestra. 9-55 Binati. 10 Close down.

12-30 p.m. Ladies Compartment 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 Sentimental Songs. 1-10 Mutual Understanding: Lesson in English and Hindustani. 1-25 Manibardhan Orchestra. 1-35 Lunch hour music. School Broadcast. 2-30 Musical prelude. 2-35 Gujarati Literature: Akho, talk. 2-50 Gujarati Bhavgeets. 3 An Aside: Teaching of Chemistry, talk. 3 Musical variety. 3-35 Orchestral melodies. 3-45 Songs from the Screen. 4-10 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 4-40 Jeere Khan. 4-55 Ahmed Dilawer. 7-15 Ap Ka Khat Mila. 7-30 R. Ramnathkar. 7-45 The String Quartet. 8-25 To-morrow. 8-30 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 8-55 Guess It. 9-45 Frieda Dyer: Contralto. 9-55 Gr. Symphony Orchestra, Milan. 10-5 A I R Nonette.

Bombay II—Programme

31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)

8 to 8-15 As in Bombay 1. 8-15 G. D. Agni: Lalits. 8-35 Jeere Khan. 8-50 Readings from Gujarati Books. 9 Krishnabai Hukkeri. 9-25 Alap Devkauns on Sarod by Umer Khan. 9-35 G. D. Agni. 9-45 Digambar Gharana. 10 Close down.

12-30 to 12-57 As in Bombay 1. 12-57 Garba: Panna Merchant and Party. 1 to 1-30 As in Bombay 1. 1-30 Musical Interlude. 1-35 to 3-15 As in Bombay 1. 3-15 Close down.

51.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Bombay 1. 5-25 Firaq I Yar. 5-35 to 6 As in Bombay 1 6 Mohan ki Murli. 6-10 Karim Khan. 6-20 Dinanathrao Mangeshkar. 7 Hungry Mouths: Talk in Marathi. 7-15 to 7-30 As in Bombay 1. 7-30 Commercial News. 7-45 to 7-55 As in Bombay 1. 7-55 G. D. Agni. 8-15 Jeere Khan 8-25 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-30 Plain Facts about Poland: Third series Talk. 8-45 Vichitra Veena by Jeere Khan. 8-55 Talk of the Town. 9 Dinanthrao Mangeshkar. 9-30 Be-Zoban Bivi: Light comedy in Hindustani. 9-50 Bombay Radio Orchestra. 10 The Languages of Our Zone.

Lucknow Programme

293.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)

6-10 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 6-25 Kumari Pratima Rani Ghosh: Bhajan. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar: For Rural Areas. 7 Gauhar Sultan: Geet and Ghazal. 7-13 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 7-25 Kumari Pratima Rani Ghosh. 7-40 Chhaya: Musical feature. 8 Door ke Dhol: Professor: Talk in Hindustani. 8-15 Gauhar Sultan: Ghazal and Geet. 8-25 If Lucknow Were on the Air in 1839 A.D. II: Drama. 8-55 Gauhar Sultan: Geet. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Our Sports—Then and Now: Talk. 10-5 Kumari Pratima Rani Ghosh. 10-11 Soofi Nannhey Qawwal. 10-17 Gauhar Sultan: Geet and Ghazal.

Calcutta I—Programme

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time).

370.4 metres (810 kc/s)

5 p.m. For the Countryside. 5-50 For the Countryside (Contd.) 6-10 Kashi Nath Chatterjee. 6-30 Monorama. 6-50 Purna Ch. Chakravarti: Sitar solo. 7-5 Kashi Nath Chatterjee. 7-20 Samaresh Chowdhuri. 7-40 Instrumental Trio. 8-5 Pick Me Up! Talks on talkies (Bengali). 8-20 Duet Song. 8-30 Ila Ghose. 9 News Books: Review. 9-45 Krishna Ch. Das Ghose. 10-5 Sushila Sen of Manipur.

Calcutta II—Programme

61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)

5 p.m. to 9-30 As in Calcutta 1. 9-30 Chamber Music. 9-45 Dorothy Cannell: Mezzo-Soprano. 10 Gracia Duveck: Entertainer. 10-15 Roy Menjou (in a syncopated medley).

Dacca Programme

257 metres (1,167 kc/s)

5 p.m. When shall thou be mine: K. L. Saigal and Pahari Sanyal. 5-30 Kalipada Sen. 5-50 Sarama Bose. 6-5 Gnayer Katha: For Rural Listeners. 7 Brojo Gopal Das. 7-15 Khagen Chakravarti: Violin. 7-25 Kalipada Sen. 7-45 Life is a stage, 1, talk in Bengali. 8 Kumar Sachin Dev Burman: Bengali songs. 8-25 Jharna Rani: Thumri and Dadra. 9 Announcements in Bengali. 9-5 K. M. Sadeq: Rural songs. 9-45 Jharna Rani: Qawwali. 10 Readings from Quran. 10-15 K. M. Sadeq.

Madras—I Programme

211 metres (1,420 kc/s)

4 p.m. R. K Ramanathan: Voice. 4-30 Dance Music. 5 Carnatic Orchestra. 5-20 Shrimati Lalitangi: Voice. 6-5 R. K Ramanathan: Voice. 6-45 Jalatarangam, Clarionet and Violin by A I R artists. 7 New Books (Telugu) Review 7-50 Shrimati Lalitangi: Voice. 8-30 A. Narayana Iyengar of Devakotah: Veena. 9 Canker: Marriage, talk.

Madras II—Programme

50.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)

4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For Rural Areas Only (Telugu). 6-15 Listener's Forum: Questions answered. 6-25 Cottage Industries, 2: Rope making, talk in Telugu. 6-35 Orchestral Finale. 6-45 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 A. Narayana Iyengar: Veena.

Trichy Programme

396 metres (758 kc/s)

5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 T. K. Nataraja Bhagavatar: Vocal. 6-5 For the Villages. 6-30 T. R. Viswanatha Iyer: Vocal. 7 Learn to Sing. 7-15 Change of Programme: Farce: Man proposes: Woman disposes: 7-50 Budalur Krishnamurti Sastri: Gottuvadyam. 8-45 T. R. Viswanatha Iyer: Vocal. 9-45 Budalur Krishnamurti Sastri: Gottuvadyam.

Hyderabad Programme

411 metres (730 kc/s)

5-30 p.m. I. Ahmed. songs 5-50 I. Khan, songs. 6 to 6-30 For Children (Urdu). 6-30 Orchestra—'Bhagwat. 6-40 Bohra Jan, songs. 7-15 "International Affairs in November" Review in Urdu 7-25 I. Ahmed—songs. 7-40 Zohra Jan—songs. 8-45 I. Khan—songs. 9-05 I. Ahmed—songs. 9-20 Zohra Jan—songs.

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Calcutta Mail (Nagpur)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17 30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
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Poona Express	19-32	8-05
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Increased Hedges Against Loan Cotton

JAPANESE AND WALL-STREET BUYING

Heavy Outside Long Liquidation

Bombay, Dec 20

The New York cotton market backed and filled narrowly. Buyers were hesitant fearing increased hedges against loan releases. It appears that the market is getting tired and with more repossessions of loan cotton, there is increased hedge selling. Thus temporarily the market is meeting increased selling pressure and the feeling is mixed. But ling present decline will improve the technical situation and the downward trend may continue for some time, we do not care to follow the same. Both exports and consumption are encouraging and lower levels will attract increased demand.

NEW YORK MARKET

The New York cotton market opened barely steady and declined in sympathy with foreign markets. Liverpool and Bombay selling and hedging met moderate support. There was Wall Street and Japanese buying. Finally heavy hedging and foreign liquidation appeared with the session closing barely steady.

At the opening March was quoted 6 points down at 10.82 and the market fluctuated within a narrow range. During the last hour there was increased selling pressure. March after advancing to 10.86 declined to 10.71. The market closed at a net decline of 17 to 25 points. Spot cotton prices declined 19 points at 11.14c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was easy and with increased selling prices closed 11 to 17 points down. Spot cotton prices were reduced 14 points at 10.83c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 2 points with January 8.43. Some of the previous day's buying orders were withdrawn in view of easiness in Bombay and New York and also scattered profit-taking. There was Bombay selling and hedging with outside liquidation meeting trade calling. The market closed at a decline of 6 to 11 points. Middling American Spot cotton prices advanced 4 points at 8.84d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Uppers futures declined 12 to 15 points and Giza futures closed 10 to 14 points down. The Alexandria cotton market was easy. Sakels declined 40 to 90 points and Ashmouni futures closed 10 points up to 9 points down.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest (2-11 p.m.)	10.86—02
New York March lowest (2-57 p.m.)	10.71—17
Liverpool January highest	8.49+04
Liverpool January lowest	8.35—10

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

Liverpool: Liquidation and hedging met trade calling.

NEW YORK COTTON

New Contracts

	New York, Dec 19
January	11.05—23
March	10.88—16
May	10.51—18
July	10.25—19
October	9.60—16
December	9.53—14

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Dec 19
January	10.85—23
March	10.71—17
May	10.35—19
July	10.00—25
October	9.60—16
Middling Spot	11.14—19

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, Dec 19
December	10.90—17
January	10.83—11
March	10.48—14
Middling Spot	10.83—14

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS

	New York, Dec 19 Bales.
Day's receipt at all U S Ports	47,000
Total exports	45,000

LIVERPOOL COTTON

	Liverpool, Dec 19
December	8.40—05
January	8.39—06
February	8.42—06
March	8.44—06
April	8.44—07
May	8 45—07
June	8.42—08
July	8.40—08
August	8.33—08
September	8.24—09
October	8.15—11
November	8.11—11
December	8.10—11
Middling Spot	8.84+04
	11-12 a.m. quotations
January	8.40
March	8.45

GROUNDNUTS MARKET CLOSED

Bombay, Dec 20

The Seeds Traders' Association remained closed to-day.

Bombay Metals

Bombay, Dec 20

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 77 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 96 0 0

Tone:—Firm.

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, Dec 20

	To-day	Total
Bengal D/J	300	1550
Oomra D/J	150	2250

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Dec 20

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G:—					
Bengal U P	232	229	226	223	
Punjab	232	229	226	223	
Oomra No 3	289	286	283	280	
C P No. 1	303	300	297	294	
C P No. 2	295	292	289	286	

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Dec 20

Bengal Fine 325-26 December +3 1/2 January +3

Punjab Fine 227-28 December +4 January +3 1/2

C P 1 298-302 December +19 January +18

C P 2 289-91 December +10 January +9

Berar 283-84 December +5 January +4

Khandesh 272-75 December —5 January —8

Jalna Sailu 274-75

Ahmednagar 273-75

Broach February +1

Punjab 4 F December +10/15

Sindh N T 358-64

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 19-12-39	4519000	2927000
Receipts yesterday 19-12-39	47000	11000
Exports to date 19-12-39	2869000	1687000
Stock at Ports 15-12-39	3196000	3085000
Stock at Interior Towns 15-12-39	3346000	3467000
Stock at Liverpool 15-12-39	.....	1086000
Visible Supply 15-12-39	.....	7906000
Quantity in sight 15-12-39	8822000	7018000
Quantity out of sight 15-12-39	.....	4745000

Telugu Munurwar Conference

The Social Conference of the Telugu Munurvar Community will be held during the Christmas holidays in Bombay on Dec. 25, 26 and 27 in a specially erected pandal within the compound of the Munurvar Wadi at Kamathipura.

The Telugu Munurvar community is spread over seven or eight localities in small numbers in the Bombay Presidency, but a large section is domiciled in certain districts of the Nizam's Dominions. This has resulted in the cutting off of all communications, thereby breaking social contact between the various groups settled in different parts of the country. The Bombay section of the Telugu Munurwar community has therefore founded the Parishad with a view to foster fellow-feeling, to supply information pertaining to the different sections of the community, to promote such measures as would contribute towards the general welfare of the community and to secure uniformity in all that concerns the community.

The Reception Committee has elected Raj Ratna B. B. Routal, Retd. Electrical Engineer, Baroda State, to be the President of this session.

Suggestions, questions and resolutions will be received from the members of the community for being placed before the Conference and will receive proper and due consideration of the Subjects Committee.

The proceedings of the Conference will be conducted for the benefit of delegates coming from various districts, speaking different languages, in English, Marathi, Telugu and Hindi.

Mr. V. S. Alkonde is the Chairman of the Reception Committee and Dr. V. R. Bhoosrath and Mr. I. K. Korba are the General Secretaries.

Further information can be had from the Telugu Munurvar Panchayat Office, 69, S. R. Pupala Road, Kamatipura, Bombay 8.

LONDON RUBBER

London, Dec 19

Smoked sheets standard ribbed per lb sellers 18

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec 20

Yesterday London gold was quoted at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 to 177. Dollar Sterling Cross rate was 4.02 to 4.04 at London and 3.95 at New York. London Spot silver prices advanced 1/16d. at 23 1/2d. and forward quotation was raised 1/2d. at 23 11/16d. India bought and business was small. New York Spot silver prices were raised 3/8 at 35 1/8 cents per ounce. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4 1/4d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 61-11 and forward was Rs. 62-2. The local market was fairly steady with a moderate business and prices fluctuated within a narrow range.

Quotations were as under:

	GOLD	SILVER
Ready	Rs. 41 14 6	62 8 0
Magsar	42 0 0	62 12 0
Posh	42 3 6	63 5 0

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec 19

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 11/16

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec 19

Gold Bars Fine per oz £8-8-0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec 20

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3 1/2 per cent Paper 87/8; 4 per cent 1960/70 102/8; 5 per cent 1946/55 110/7

BANKS

Bank of Baroda 98/8; Bank of Hindusthan 24/12; Bank of India 136; Central Bank 33/14; Imperial Bank P P 1490; Imperial Bank P P 365; Indian Overseas Bank 47; Reserve Bank 105; Union Bank 5/8

TEXTILES

Ahmd New Textiles 510; Ambica 305; Arun 250; Arvind 1410; Asok 262/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2350; Bombay Dyeing 1150; Buckingham and Carnatics 238; Calico 810/10; Central India 373/2; Century 416; Colaba 220/10; Elgin 165; Gokak 233/2; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 55/10; Jubilee 316/4; Khatau Makanji 146/10; Kohinoor 446/14; Laxmi Cotton 615; Madhusudan 900; Marsden 126/14; Monarji 250; Mysore 131/4; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 463/12; Raipur 745; Rajnagar 186/4; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/8; Sholapur 4150; Simplex 136/4; Swadeshi 358/12; Vishnu 1440.

HYDRO ELECTRICS

Andhra Valley Ord 1497/8; Tata Hydro Ord 156/4; Tata Power Ord 1385

ELECTRICS

Ahmedabad Electrics 151/4; Ajmer Electrics 10/4; Amalgamated 10/12; Bombay Suburban 165; Bombay Tram 131/4; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 160

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock Ashdown 575; Associated Cements 141/4; Belapur 258/2; Bombay Burma New 226/4; Bombay Burma Old XD 691/4; Bombay Steam 333/12; Bombay Telephone 66/8; Br B Petrol 6/2/6; Burma Corporation 8; Dalmia Cement 10; Indian Bleaching 148/2; Industrial Investment Tr 49/8; Indian Radio Ord 425; Indian Radio Defd 425; Indian Copper 2/11; Indian Iron 43/12; Mysore sugar 44/12; Port Canning 74; Premier Construction 87; Rohtas Industries 24; Scindia Steam 26/2; Shivrajpur 55/8; Steel Corp of Bengal 23/12; Tata Oil 58; Tata Steel Ord 420; Tata Steel Defd 222

JUTES

Birla Jute 24/12; Howrah 62/8; Hukumchand 8/12; Kamarhatty 580; Kanknarrah 473; Lawrence 480; Reliance 66/12

HAPUR MARKET

Hapur, Dec 20

Wheat ready Rs. 3/13/9; Maha 3/15/0; Jaith 4/3/0.

Gram ready Rs. 4/2/8; Maha 4/3/8; Jaith 4/3/10

Peas ready Rs. 3/8/0; Maha 3/8/9;

Arhar ready Rs. 3/8/6; Maha 3/9/10; Jaith 3/7/0.

Maize ready Rs. 3/3/0

Cottonseed ready Rs. 3/3/6.

Quiet on lower foreign cables and Punjab liquidation. Undertone steady.

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, Dec. 19.

On the Stock Exchange, base metals were strong as a sequel to yesterday's increases in the maximum prices for metals. Other groups were irregular owing to lack of buying interest but price changes were mostly small. Wall Street opened steady.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 20.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 91-12
3-1/2 per cent G P Notes Cash 87-6
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 100-13
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 92-12
3 per cent 1963/65 86-10
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 99-1
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 103-10
4 per cent. 1960/70 102-6
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 106-14
5 per cent 1940/43 Loan 102

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1915/55 Loan 110-8
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore Loan 106-12
5 per cent 1955 Mysore Loan 116-8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 99
6 per cent M Deb 1959 106
6 per cent M Deb 1954 116
6 per cent K P T 1965 110.

Tone:—Unchanged Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec 20

B C RATES—

T T D D 1/5 15/16 to March

LONDON—

Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to Mar.

Bank's selling T T D D .....

Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 One month

Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32

Bank's buying 2 months 1/6 7/32 One month.

Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 9/32 Two months.

NEW YORK—

Bank's selling T T 334

Bank's buying T T 329

Bank's buying D D 327

PARIS—

Bank's selling T T 1290

Bank's buying T T 1330

JAPAN—

Bank's selling T T 80 3/8

Bank's buying T T 79 3/8

Bank's buying 60 days 78 3/8

AMSTERDAM—

Bank's selling D D 55 1/8

JAVA—

Bank's selling D D 54 3/4

HONGKONG—

Bank's selling D D 84 1/4

SHANGHAI—

Bank's selling D D 29

SINGAPORE—

Bank's selling D D 157 3/4

BERLIN—

Bank's selling D D .....

CROSS RATE—

Hongkong London 1/3 1/32 20th inst.

Shanghai London 0/4 7/8 20th inst.

Japan London 1/2 11/32 20th inst.

Java London 7.46/56 20th inst.

New York London 3.95 19th inst.

London New York 4.02/4 19th inst.

London Paris 176/7 19th inst.

London Italy 77.75 19th inst.

London Belgium 24.10/35 19th inst.

London Switzerland 17.80/95 19th inst.

London Stockholm 16.75/95 19th inst.

London Amsterdam 7.52/58 19th inst.

London/Berlin .....

Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady.

Gold £8-8-0 18th inst.

Gold £8-8-0 19th inst.

Silver London Ready 23 7/16 18th inst.

Silver London Ready 23 1/2 19th inst.

Silver London Forward 23 9/16 18th inst.

Silver London Forward 23 11/16 19th inst.

Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 18th inst.

Silver New York Ready 35 1/8 19th inst.

London discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 18th inst.

London discounts 3 months 1 1/4 per cent 19th inst.

London discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 18th inst.

London discounts 6 months 1 5/8 per cent 19th inst.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.

Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.

Money:—Call 1 1/2 per cent.

3 Months 2 1/4 per cent.

6 Months 2 per cent.

Tone:—Firm.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec 19

Broach A/M highest 331 lowest 319 1/2 closing at 5-30 p.m. 323

Oomra D/J highest 289 lowest 281 closing at 5-30 p.m. 284 1/2

Oomra March highest 293 lowest 284 closing at 5-30 p.m. 287 1/2

Bengal D/J highest 231 lowest 225 closing at 5-30 p.m. 228 1/2

Bengal March highest 233 lowest 227 closing at 5-30 p.m. 230 1/2

Night session: Broach A/M opened Rs. 320, highest Rs. 321, lowest Rs. 317, closed Rs. 319 1/2.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Liverpool, Dec 19

UPPERS:—	
Spot	10.06 unchgd
January	9.69—12
March	9.74—13
May	9.76—14
July	9.77—15
October	9.50—15
GIZA NO. 8:—	
Spot	10.56—08
January	10.09—14
March	10.25—13
May	10.33—12
July	10.36—12
October	10.28—12

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

Alexandria, Dec 19

Sakel January	20.95—90
Sakel March	20.70—40
Giza January	18.35—62
Giza March	18.89—34
Ashmouni December	17.26—09
Ashmouni February	17.53—02

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below Liverpool May 109 points.

Difference Broach A/M above New York May 194 points.

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, Dec 20

(The Pepper and Ginger Merchants' Association, Ltd.).

Pepper ready Allepey per candy	Rs. 105 0 0
Pepper ready Allepey new per candy	97 0 0
Pepper Maha Sud 15th per candy	104 0 0
Pepper Chaitra Sud 15th per candy	109 0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per cwt.	12 0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt.	19 0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt	23 0 0
Ginger Maha Sud 15th per cwt	22 12 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt	24 8 0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec 19.

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£53 1/2
Indian stock 3 per cent 1948	69 1/4
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	81 1/2
Indian stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	103 1/2
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	67 1/2
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	93
War loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	92 3/8
Funding loan 4 per cent 1960/90	105 7/8
Victory Bonds	105 1/4
Chartered Bank of I A and China	8 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank	
London Reg.	82
National Bank of India	87

Scattered Realising In Share Bazar

DECLINE MEETS SMALL SUPPORT

Textile Shares Quietly Irregular

Bombay, Dec 20

With nothing in the news to stir up enthusiasm, the local share bazar was influenced by weakness in raw cotton market. There was a steady flow of long liquidation and prices gradually sagged in leading speculative counters.

In view of approaching X'mas holidays there was more desire to even-up open business as in these days of political uncertainty to carry on large speculative risks was considered by a section risky. Recently there had been steady unloading in Cotton Mill shares and the market in the absence of professional support was quiet.

Wall Street was in the doldrums on Tuesday with tax-selling again a handicap, although by a little bargain hunting and reinvestment buying, while foreign selling was not an important factor with reports that the British are now holding the remaining American securities for higher prices attracting attention. The Session closed steady with prices mostly showing minor fractional changes either way. U. S. Steel shares declined 1/4 at 57. Anaconda Copper Mining shares lost 1/8 at 31 and General Motors improved 3/8 at 54 dollars.

Several unfavourable factors conspired together to check any important advance in Wall Street market. There had been active and heavy foreign liquidation and some tax-selling fearing new taxes to meet Budget deficit. American industries and general trade has achieved considerable improvement and the rise in commodity prices was encouraging but the general feeling remained damped. This accounts for slow price movement without any important rise as compared with pre-war levels.

Indian industrial outlook is encouraging and with too rapid rise in commodity markets as a result of excessive bullish enthusiasm, the margin of profit does not show any satisfaction but the future outlook is fairly encouraging. The rise in cotton, wheat, linseed and grains is bound to improve the purchasing capacity which will ensure a steady demand for manufactured goods in the long run. However, sentimental improvements need adjustments from time to time and we do not look any lasting declines.

The share bazar will remain open for one hour on Saturday and then will close for X'mas holidays.

Tata Steel Defd. shares opened to-day at Rs. 2245 and declined to Rs. 2230 and advanced to Rs. 2240. At this level there appeared increased realising and prices declined to Rs. 2215, which was the lowest level. Later on there was some buying and market improved to Rs. 2230. Ordinary shares also after opening Rs. 424 declined to Rs. 219 and at the close improved to Rs. 221. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1165 and declined to Rs. 1147 which was the lowest of the day but at the close improved to Rs. 1152.

Associated Cement shares which closed yesterday at Rs. 143/8 opened at Rs. 142 and declined and closed at Rs. 141/12. Belapur and Bombay Steam shares were steady and closed unchanged. Bombay Burma after opening steady at Rs. 703 X.D. declined to Rs. 692 but at the close improved at Rs. 693/12.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, Dec 20

Bombay Dyeing (1177) 1165 1161 1166 1150 1153 1147 1150 1152

Century (429) 424 419 420 415 416 413 416

Central India (385) 377 376 378 368 372 374

Kohinoor (463) 453 451 455 444 446 448

New Great (475) 465 464 460 465

Simplex (144) 141 137 136/8

Swadeshi (369) 364 362 365 358 360

Associated Cement (143/8) 142 141/8 141/12

Andhra (1505) 1500

Tram Ord (132) 131/8

Tata Hydro (157/8) 156/8

Tata Power (1385) 1390 1385 1380 1382 1387

T Steel Defd (2247/8) 2245 2225 2232 2230 2240 2217 2220 2215 2225 2230

T Steel Ord (425) 424 421 422 419 421

Tata Steam 2nd Pref (134/4) 134/8 134/4

Bellapur (259) 257 258 256 259

B Steam (335) 335 334 335

B Burma (718/12) XD 703 700 692 695 693/12

TEXTILE SHARES

Bombay, Dec. 20.

100	Ahmedabad Advance	355 0
250	BOM. DYEING	1152 8
100	CENTURY	416 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA	374 0
100	COLABA	221 8
100	Coorla	130 8
250	David	60 0
250	Dawn	401 4
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.	0 10 6
100	Finlay	215 0
100	GOKAK	234 0
1000	Hindustan	2060 0
100	Indore	51 0
250	Khatau	142 8
100	KOHINOOR	448 0
250	Laxmi	615 0
250	Madras United	25 0
100	MORARJI	251 0
250	Model	100 0
50	MYSORE	129 8
200	NEW GREAT	455 0
100	Oosmanshahi	51 0
100	PHOENIX	330 0
25	Sassoon Silk	88 8
1000	Sholapur	4000 0
50	SIMPLEX	136 8
50	SWADESHI	360 0
100	SWAN	207 0
500	Vishnu	1438 12
1000	Western	915 0

BANKS

50-100	Baroda	98 8
25-50	Central	33 14
125-500	Imp. Conty.	365 0
500	Imperial	1490 0
50-100	India	136 0
100	Reserve Bank	195 0
5	Union	5-8-6

CEMENTS

100	ASSOCIATED	141

INSURANCE

100	Empire	630 0
15-100	Jupiter	9 6
20	Mercantile	50 0
15-75	New India	34 10
200	Oriental	3900 0
10-50	Vulcan	6 15

ELECTRIC

100	Ahmed. Old	149 4
100	ANDHRA VALLEY	1500
10	Ajmer	10 4
50	BOMBAY TRAM	131 8
100	Bombay Suburban	165 0
10	Broach	11 8
100	Karachi	182 8
100	Poona	183 8
100	Surat	160 0
100	TATA HYDRO	156 8
1000	TATA POWER	1387 8

RAILWAYS

500	Ahmedabad Prantij	980 0
100	C. Province	98 0
100	Dh. Baramati	93 0
100	Gujarat	97 0
100	Mandra Bhon	93 0
100	Pachora Jamner	73 0
100	Sara Serajganj	97 0
500	Tapti Valley	757 8

MININGS

5	Burma Corp.	8 0
2sh.	Indian Copper	2 11
10	Indian Iron and Steel	43 8
10	SHIVRAJPUR	56 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.	2230 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.	421

MISCELLANEOUS

100	ALCOCK	577 8
10	Air Services	6 2
80	BELAPUR SUGAR	259 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.	591 4
250	BOMBAY STEAM	335 0
125	B. BURMA	693 12 XD
50	B. BURMA CONTY.	226

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON EIGHT POINTS DOWN

Scattered Selling And Realising In Local Markets

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETLY STEADY

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1940.
New York: December 20.

Previous closing	10.71
To-day's opening	10.68
Difference	—3
To-day's closing	10.63
Difference	—8

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1940
Liverpool: December 20.

Previous closing	8.44
To-day's opening	8.36
Difference	—18
To-day's closing	8.28
Difference	—16

Broach April/May Expectation ..... Rs. 311.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York: December 20.

The New York cotton showed slightly easier tendency in sympathy with the weakness of the overseas markets, but the fall brought out local and trade buying, which wiped off the early loss.

The trading in March began at 10.68, i. e. 3 points lower than the last closing. Prices eased under the lower Liverpool cables and scattered liquidation, but later prices rallied on trade and local support with March rising to 10.70.

BOMBAY COTTON
Late Trading

Bombay: December 20.

In the local Cotton Market Broach April/-May opened to-night at Rs. 303. The market improved and closed at Rs. 313/8 as a prominent firm was buyer.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: December 20.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March	(10.82/10.81) 10.68/10.66
May	(10.41/10.39) 10.27/10.26
July	(10.08/10.08) 9.94/9.93

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: May 20.

American January	(8.49) 8.25
American March	(8.53) 8.29
Giza January	(10.12) 9.82
Giza March	(10.29) 9.98

LONDON COMMODITIES

JUTES
London: December 20.

Dundee December	£53 3/4 £53 3/4
Lightning December	£51 1/2) £51 1/2

SEEDS

Castorseeds Jan/Feb (£22 1/4 quoted) £22 1/4

Linseed Calcutta Jan/Feb (£21 3/8 quoted) £21 3/4

Linseed La Plata December (£16 5/8 quoted) £16 5/8 quoted

Groundnuts Coromandal Jan/Feb (£15 quoted) £15

RUBBER

Spot (11 15/16 paid and buyers) 11 3/4 paid and buyers.

Forward January/March (11 13/16 paid) 11 3/4 paid and value.

METALS

Tin (£257 buyers; £258 sellers. Steady) £256 buyers; £256 1/4 sellers. Easier.

Electrolytic Copper Max. (£62) £62

Lead Max. (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron (111 sh) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES
T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York: December 20.

Previous closing	3.95
To-day's opening	3.94 3/4

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
London: December 20.

Previous closing	4.02 to 4.04
To day's opening	4.03 to 4.04
To day's closing	4.02 to 4.04

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS
London: December 20.

Previous closing	176 to 177
To-day's opening	176 to 177
To day's closing	176 to 177

LONDON EXCHANGES
London: December 20.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02 to 4.04 which is officially fixed rate.

Franc was officially fixed at 176 to 177

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1.6) 1-6
Paris on Bombay (13.23 3/4) 13.23 3/4
New York on Bombay (30.12) 30.12
London on Milan (77.75) 77.75
London on Shanghai (6-4 1/2 to 6-8) 6-4 7/16 to 6-4 15/16
London on Kobe (1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32) 1-2 1/4 to 1-2 11/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/4 to 1 1/4 per cent.
4 months (1 5/16 to 1 5/16 per cent) 1 5/16 to 1 5/16 per cent.
6 months (1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent) 1 1/2 to 1 5/8 per cent.

BULLION

Influx (nil) nil
Withdrawal (nil) nil
Silver 23 7/16d.
Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0.

WHEAT AND SEEDS
Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: December 20.

Wheat January	4	7	3
Wheat May	5	0	9
Linseed May	9	5	3

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay: December 20.

Silver Ready	62	4	0
Silver Magsar	62	7	0
Silver Posh	62	2	0
Gold Ready	41	14	0
Gold Magsar	42	1	0
Gold Posh	42	2	0
Sovereigns	26	12	0

LONDON SILVER CABLE

Bombay: December 20.

The following cable regarding London silver market was received here to-day:
Very small business. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: December 20.

Spot (23 1/2d)	23 7/16d —1/16
Forward (23 11/16d)	23 5/8d —1/16

LONDON GOLD

London: December 20.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: December 20.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 54) dol 54
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 31 1/4) dol 31 1/8
U S Steel Common (dol 68 1/4) dol 68 5/8
U S Steel Pref (dol 114 1/2) unquoted.

3½ P. C. STERLING LOAN

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £81 1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS
London: December 20.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£92 1/2) £92 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£81 1/2) £81 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68 (£104 1/4) £104 1/4
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£100 1/4) £100 1/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£103 1/2) £103 1/2
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/59 (£94 1/4) £94 1/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£102) £101 3/4

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£67 1/2) £67 5/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£93) £93
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£100 3/4) £100 3/4
4 per cent Funding Loan (£105 7/8) £105 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£92 3/8) £92 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£105 1/4) £105 1/4

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 11-9
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (52-3) 52-3
Hydro Electric (dol 3 1/4) dol 3 1/4
Elec. Music Industry (7-6) 7-6
Princhin Johnson (18-1 1/2) 18-0
Imperial Chemical (28-7 1/2) 29-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary (62-3) 61-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£29 1/2) £29 1/2
Dunlop Rubber (29-9) 30-3
Unilever Ordinary (31-4 1/2) 31-1 1/2
Ford Motors (13-3) 13-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£56 1/2) £56 1/4
British American Tobacco Ordinary (91-3) 91-10 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£5 5/8) £5 5/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (118-1 1/2) 118-9
P. and O. Def. (21-1 1/2) 21-3
Distillers (66-6) 66-7 1/2
Bredfords Dye (4-9) 4-9
British Celanese (7-0) 7-4 1/2
J. and P. Coates Ordinary (32-10 1/2) 33-6
Courtaulds Ordinary (36-6) 36-7 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (5-3) 5-3
Vickers Limited Ordinary (16-3) 16-3
Inter. Nickel (dol 46 3/4) dol 46 3/4
Indian Iron (63-9) 63-9

TEA SHARES

Assam (17-6) 17-6
Donaro Tea (31-3) 31-3
Empire of India (22-6) 22-6

JUTES

Barnagore (£11 1/2) £11 1/2

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber (27-3) 27-3
Gula Kelampong (23-1 1/2) 23-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust (34-1 1/2) 34-1 1/2

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (32-6) 32-6
Burma Corporation (12) 11-9
Rio Tintos (£16) £16 1/2
East Rand Properties (46-3) 46-3
Rand Mines (£7 3/8) £7 3/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£14 1/8) £14 1/8
Associated Portland Cement (62-6) 60-7 1/2
Trinidad Leaseholds (72-6) 72-6
Sub. Nigel (£10) £10
Spring Mines Split Shares (£25-7 1/2) 25-0
Union Corporation (£7) £7

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (23-1 1/2) 22-6
Anglo-Iranian (53-9) 53-9
Burma Oil (61-3) 61-3
Maxican Eagle (6-4 1/2) 6-6
Shell Transport (81-3) 80-0
Royal Dutch (£34 1/4) £33 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£34 3/4) £34 3/4
London Midland Ordinary (£12 1/4) £12 1/4
London North Eastern Def. (£2 1/4) £2 1/4
London Southern Def. (£11 3/4) £11 3/4
London Transport 5 per cent (£111) £111
London Transport "C" (£65) £65

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec 20

Following a decline of 17 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 319 for Broach A/M delivery. The market opened steady at Rs. 322 but there was utter absence of any important buying. Sellers of options were inclined to unload holdings as tomorrow is the last day for monthly options. Prices gradually declined to Rs. 311 and the tone of the market was very quiet.

Later prices declined to Rs. 308. The Alexandria market opened 20 points down and with improved buying prices advanced to Rs. 313/8. Liverpool opened at a decline of 18 points and later was 13 points down. In the local market prices after declining to Rs. 308 improved to Rs. 310.

The market closed at 5-30 p.m. as under:

F G M G Broach:—			
April/May	Rs.	308	8 0
Fine M G Oomra:—			
Dec/January		272	0 0
March		275	0 0
F G M G Bengal:—			
Dec/January		217	8 0
March		219	8 0

Trading In Broach J/A Delivery

Bombay, Dec 20

Trading commenced in Broach J/A 1940 delivery to-day. Prices opened at Rs. 320 and after declining to Rs. 315 closed at Rs. 316/8.

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Dec 20

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY
Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Khandesh	292	9,288	11,257
Central India	421	11,212	52,461
Barsi and Nagar	929	40,095	11,736
Hyderabad Gaorani	1,257	12,358	881
Berar	1,998	61,192	38,344
Central Provinces	756	14,565	14,153
Total Oomras	5,652	148,710	128,636
Dholera	92	7,773	55,111
N W Provinces	31	16,056	487
Rajputana	433	8,852	9,616
Sind Punjab	488	138,532	88,760
Broach		788	11,760
Coompta and Dharwar	95	13,411	11,767
Westerns Northerns	309	11,906	10,736
Cocoanada			1
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	106	388	2,121
American		128	512
Egyptian, African and Sudan	2,187	12,237	110,803
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,892	6
Total	9,293	470,973	430,296
Arrived by road to 14th December 1939		60,000	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY.

1st Sept to 14th Dec

In full-pressed bales

	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Europe	985	33,038	59,662
Japan and China	11,758	241,405	321,756
Coast Ports		8,229	10,733
Up-country by Rail		117,589	99,710
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan		11,470	23,943
Total	12,743	411,731	505,804

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for the week ended the 15th day of December, 1939.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	15,82,07,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	219,05,08,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	10,77,46,000
Total Notes issued	245,64,61,000
Total Liabilities	245,64,61,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 67.772 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	41,54,48,000
(b) Held outside India	2,86,96,000
Sterling Securities	97,50,11,000
Total of A	141,91,57,000
B Rupee Coin	86,39,62,000
Government of India Rupee Securities	37,33,42,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial paper	.....
Total Assets	245,64,61,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 15th December, 1939.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt of India	7,65,46,000
(2) Government of Burma	1,87,83,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	3,67,52,000
(b) Banks	18,96,20,000
(c) Others	83,22,000
Bills Payable	7,46,000
Other Liabilities	2,43,85,000
Rupees	42,51,52,000

ASSETS	Rs.
Notes:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	15,76,78,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	5,29,000
Rupee Coin	2,74,000
Subsidiary Coin	3,47,000
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—	
(a) Internal	.....
(b) External	.....
(c) Government Treasury Bills	7,86,36,000
Balances held abroad*	7,75,23,000
Loans and Advances to Governments	65,00,000
Other Loans and Advances	50,000
Investments	7,09,98,000
Other Assets	3,26,17,000
Rupees	42,51,52,000

*Includes Cash and Short term Securities.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Dec 20

Yarn No. 6 1/2s—			
December	146	0	0
February	147	0	0
April	148	0	0
Yarn No. 10 1/2s—			
December	173	0	0
February	178	0	0
April	182	0	0
Yarn No. 20 1/2s—			
December	230	0	0
February	234	0	0
April	240	0	0
Yarn No. 40s—			
December	287	0	0
February	288	0	0
April	289	0	0

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET.

Karachi: December 20.

To-day's closing quotations:—
Cotton Sind Jan. 29/12; Punjab Jan. 23/1; Desi American Jan. 32/14/6 sellers.
Wheat Jan. 32/13; March 33/14; July 35/9/3.
Gram Jan. 38/10/6; July 38/8.
Toria Feb. 49/9, March 50/14.
Cottonseeds Jan. 24/9; March 25/4/6.

National Shipping Merger

Bombay Steam Shareholders Approve Agreement With Scindias

A sad chapter in the history of Indian shipping virtually came to a close, when a resolution transferring the Managing Agency of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company from Messrs Killick, Nixon and Co., to the Scindia Steam Navigation Company was adopted at the annual general meeting of the first named company on Wednesday evening.

This is the result of an agreement arrived at between the Bombay Steam and Scindia's by which Messrs Killick Nixon and Co., resign their Managing Agency, though according to their contract with the Bombay Steam they can continue to be the managing agents for 18 years more.

They are to receive a compensation of Rs. 11 lakhs from the Scindia's.

The Scindia's are to be appointed managing agents of the Bombay Steam for 20 years, and will receive Rs. 1,000 a month as office allowance and 10 per cent. on the annual net profits of the Company.

Mr. Lowndes proposed the adoption of the annual report and audited statement of accounts for the year ending June 30, 1939.

The report showed that after making a provision of Rs. 3,33,-109-11-9 for depreciation the company earned a net profit of Rs. 2,38,062-1-5. This sum augmented by the previous year's balance of Rs. 3,191-13-7, is distributed in paying a dividend of Rs. 15 per preference share and a dividend of Rs. 7-8-0 or three per cent on ordinary shares, leaving a carry over of Rs. 16,253-15-0.

EFFECT OF COMMANDEERING

In the course of his speech moving the adoption of the report Mr. Lowndes said:—

"Your Company and the travelling public, especially of the Konkan Coast, have suffered grievously by the commandeering of practically the Company's entire fleet. That has led to almost entire suspension of the Konkan Coast Services. Your Company's vessels, it is explained by the Naval Authorities, are more suitable than other vessels for coastal defence. It is gratifying that your Company's fleet is serving in the defence of the country. I must point out, however, that several lakhs of passengers have relied for years on the efficient, economic and expeditious service maintained by your Company's fleet, for regular contacts between the Konkan districts and the City.

"The virtual suspension of the Konkan Coast Services have forced a diversion of traffic to other routes, involving extra cost, delay and very real hardships to the travelling public.

"Although there can be no wish to take the vessels from the useful work they are no doubt doing, it will be a pity if at least a few of them cannot be released. The Konkan Coast Services are of the character of public utility activities and their problems have a wider appeal beyond the narrow commercial considerations which attach to them. The problem of the Konkan Coast Services merits a sympathetic review by the responsible authorities, in the light of its broader aspects."

AGREEMENT WITH SCINDIAS.

Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas in seconding the report referred to the resolutions embodying the agreement arrived at between the Bombay Steam Navigation Company and the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, which was embodied in two different resolutions to be moved shortly, said that though he was attached to the Bombay Steam Company, his attachment did not go to the extent of permitting any damage to Indian shipping. He was glad that the transfer of the managing agency from Killick Nixon's had been arranged in a manner which left no bitterness behind. He paid a compliment to Killick Nixon's as a firm of gentlemen and expressed appreciation of their graceful gesture to Indian sentiment.

The Report was adopted.

The appointment of Mr. M. S Captain was confirmed.

Mr. Pranlal Devakran Nanjee was appointed a director in the place of Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, who retired by rotation and did not desire to be re-elected.

Mr. R. C. Giles, who retired similarly was re-elected.

Messrs. Chandabhoy and Jassoobhoy were appointed auditors

FORWARD NATIONAL SHIPPING.

Mr. R. C. Lowndes then moved that the resignation of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Company from their office of Agents of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company Ltd., be accepted and that the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Ltd. be appointed the Managing Agents of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company Ltd. upon the terms and conditions set out in a draft agreement laid before the meeting.

Dr. J. A. Collaco speaking on the resolution wanted to be assured that their interests would be safe in the hands of the Scindia Steam Navigation Co.

Mr. Jagmohandas Kapadia welcomed the agreement, as it was conducive to the interests of National shipping. But in the past, the Scindia's had shown an unsympathetic attitude towards the investing public, and he hoped that they would revise that attitude.

AMENDMENT TO DROP OFFICE ALLOWANCE FAILS.

He further thought that the giving of an office allowance amounted merely to additional remuneration and was unsound in principle. He therefore, moved that the clause referring to the payment of an office allowance should be deleted from the agreement.

Mr. M. R. Bharucha, supporting the amendment described the transfer of the managing agency as a leap in the dark.

The amendment was pressed to a division and lost by a large majority.

ARBITRATION BOARD.

Mr. M. S. Captain moved another resolution stipulating that the Scindia Steam Navigation Company upon its appointment as managing agents should arrange for the Bombay Steam Navigation Company, the Indian Co-operative Navigation and Trading Co. and the Ratnagar Steam Navigation Co., to refer to the Arbitration of Sir Purushottamdas Thakurdas and Mr. G. D. Birla the determination of the quotas in the traffic on the Konkan Coast and the Bombay Harbour to be apportioned among the Companies and that the terms of the award should not be varied without the sanction of the general meeting of the shareholders of the Bombay Steam Navigation Company Ltd.

After some discussion, this resolution was also adopted.

SCINDIA SHAREHOLDER'S MEETING.

When the agreement is ratified by the shareholders of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, whose general meeting is to be held to-day (Thursday) the uneconomic competition on the Konkan Coast which had during the last three and a half years endangered the well-being and retarded the progress of all the three Indian shipping Companies concerned, will be brought to a satisfactory end.

At the close of the meeting a resolution moved by Mr. M. R. Bharucha giving expression to the appreciation of the valuable services rendered by Killick Nixon's to the Bombay Steam, was passed unanimously.

OXFORD PAMPHLETS—NO. 16

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have an international appeal. The fact that national propaganda everywhere so eagerly cloaks itself in 'ideologies' of a professedly international character poves the existence of an international stock of common ideas, however limited and however weakly held, to which appeal can be made, and of a belief that these common ideas stand somehow in the scale of values above mere national interests. German propaganda has always condemned the Versailles Treaty in terms not of national interest but of universal justice. Every country seeks to place its policy on an ethical basis, even if this can only be done by asserting that it has an historical mission to rule over inferior races for their own good. Whatever the policy, the need to clothe it in some altruistic guise is universally felt."

What more honest confession can one expect?

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Jutes Featureless: Coals Easier

Calcutta: December 20.

Jutes were nothing but featureless and only limited transactions were reported throughout the day. Easier feeling still ruled in Coals and business was very much restricted. Teas were dull. Miscellaneous speculative issues displayed further weakness to-day on selling pressure. Government Securities kept steady.

The Stock Exchange will remain entirely closed from 23rd Dec. to 1st Jan. 1940, both the days inclusive, on account of the Christmas holidays.

The following are the closing quotations:—

Government securities: 3 per cent loan (1941) 100/8 s l; 3 1/2 per cent paper 87/9; 3 per cent loan (1963/65) 86/14; 3 1/2 per cent loan (1947/50) 99/2; 4 per cent loan (1950/70) 103/4 s l; 5 per cent loan (1945/55) 110/10 s l; 6 per cent U P Bonds (1944) unquoted.

Banks: Central 33/14; Reserve 103.

Cottons: Dunbar ord 240; Pref 232; New Victoria ord 1/15.

Coals: Amalgamated 29/4; Bokaro and Ramgur 18/4; Dhemo Main 18/10; Mundulpoor 11/2; South Karanpura 6/4; West Jamuria 33/4.

Jutes: Adamjee ord 25/5; Barnagore 150 s div; Budge-Budge 386 ex-div; Pref 150 ex-div; Clive 30/8; Dalhousie 415; Ganges 382; Howrah 62/8; 7 per cent Pref 153; 'A' Pref 141 s l; Hukumchand 5; Pref 86 s l; Kankarrah Pref 138; Naskarpara 15/4; Presidency 6/5.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 8/1; Consolidated Tin 5/7; Indian Copper 2/12; Rhodesia Copper 1/11; Tavoy Tin 2/8; Hukumchand Steel ord 9/2; Indian St. Wagon ord 55; Indian Iron and Steel 43/9; Marshalls 2/8; Steel Corporation ord. 23/12; Pref 100; B I Corporation ord 4/15; Pref 152 s l; Dunlop Rubber 25; Second Pref 101 s l; British Burma Petrol 5/5; Bengal Paper ord 125; India Paper Pulp 154; Mysore Paper 14; Orient 9/8 ct; Titaghur Paper 'A' or 'B' ord 30/6; Pref ord 4/12.—A. P.

LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS

Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Bombay, have received the following quotations by Air Mail from their London Agents:

Names	All 11th	Mail Dec.
Amalgamated Tin Mines of Nigeria Ltd.	£0	9 4½
Guest, Keen and Nettlefold	1	1 6
Turner and Newall	3	13 3
Associated Electric Industries	1	19 3
Attock Oil	2	13 9
Barsi Light Railways	45	0 0
Automatic Telephone and Elec Ord	2	3 9
Castlefield (Klang) Rubber	0	2 7½
Beira Railways	1	2 6
United Br. Oilfields of Trinidad	0	8 9
Marconi International Marine	1	6 0
Western Union Telegraph	dol	32.50
General Electric Ordinary	3	15 0
Fairey Aviation Co. Ltd.	0	17 9
Perak Hydro Elec. Ordinary	0	19 3
International Rlys. of C. America	dol	5.00
Malayalam Plantation	1	13 0
British Burma Petroleum	0	9 3
Scudan Plantation Syndicate ... XD	1	14 0
British South Africa (Chartered)	0	19 9
Pahang Consolidated Ordinary	0	18 7½
Indian Copper Corporation Ord.	0	3 9
Brazilian Traction Light and Power	dol	10½
Marlu Gold Mining Areas Ltd	0	8 0
New Goldfields of Venezuela Ltd	0	4 7½
Western Reef Ex and Dev Co Ltd	0	11 9
Amalgamated Banket Areas	0	6 3
Borax Tin and Wolfram Co Ltd	0	9 6

Goculdas Cullianji Barsi Cotton Press Company Limited

The Forty-seventh Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Goculdas Cullianji Barsi Cotton Press Co. Ltd., was held on Wednesday at 3-0 p.m. (S.T.) at the Registered Office Mr. Purshotam Goculdas presided.

The Directors' report for the year ending 30th June stated that a net Profit of Rs. 22,608-12-5 had been made during the year. On the balance of Rs. 513-12-4 brought forward from the previous year's account, being added, the amount available for disposal is Rs. 23,122-8-9. Among the items for the disposal of this amount a dividend of Rs. 10 per share of "A" Capital in 900 shares and Rs. 2 per share on 1500 shares of the "B" Capital is mentioned. A sum of Rs. 400 is set apart for bonus to the staff.

The Director's report was adopted. The appointment of Mr. Haridas Bhagwandas as A Director of this company in place of Mr. Chandulal T. Parikh, was confirmed.

The retiring Director, Mr. Dwarkadas Gokuldas, was re-elected as a Director.

Messrs. Dalal and Shah were appointed as Auditors.

Poona Weather Summary

Poona: December 20.

A few showers occurred in Baluchistan, Chaman reporting half an inch, Jiwani a quarter. Elsewhere the weather has been mainly dry. Night temperatures were appreciably above normal in and near north-east Baluchistan.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 20-12-1939.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours —.034 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 73.8 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 63.8 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hours 86.0 degrees 1.7 (above normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hours 70.0 degrees 1.8 (above normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 57 per cent.

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. ENE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m 11 miles per hour.

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 153 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 19 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. to) 5.

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 20-12-39.

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 78.0 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.23 inches and a compensated aneroid 30.05 inches

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

Inter Railroads of C A 8 per cent Cum. Pref.	dol	59.00
B B. and C. I. Railway Ordinary Stock	£100	0 0
Imperial Bank of Irsa	£10	3/4

SHIPPING NEWS

EXPORTS

Bombay: December 20.

10 bags gum Hebathboy Abdeali; 10 bales cotton piecegoods G Ramchand; 640 bags gr. nut oil cakes exp G Devchand and Co Ltd; 81 bales cotton grey yarn J Jeewan and Co; 441 drums castor oil The Swastik Oil Mills Ltd; 50 bales cotton twist waste P D Vora and Co; 200 bales cotton waste P D Vora and Co; 202 bales cotton waste G M Vyas and Co; 100 bales cotton waste C Jairam and Co; 100 bales cotton twist waste C Jairam and Co; 9 bales cow hides tanned Fais and Co; 130 tons old iron scrap Ali Bros; 6705 bags groundnut oil cakes Railli Bros; 780 bales cotton fly L O Vora; 410 bales woollen carpets Cox and King Ltd; 35 bales art silk waste K P Thacker and Sons; 66 bags gum karaya N Mulji and Co; 25 bales cotton fly V A Save and Co; 19 bales rugs Cox and Kings Ltd; 800 bags groundnut kernal M Bhuta and Co; 500 bags groundnut kernals P Haridas and Co; 3800 bags groundnut kernals East Asiatic Co Ltd; 1280 bags groundnut oil cakes H Rawji and Co; 70 bags castorseed K Devchand and Co; 162 bags gum K Dipchand; 75 bales cotton yarn M A Al A Ransk; 80 bags shark fins and 10 bags fish monds M Ladha; 175 bags gum E Mavji and Co, 40 bales cotton yarn J Jeewan and Co; 10 bales cotton yarn H M Ghazanfer; 42 bales cotton yarn Pavri Sons and Co; 5 bags sandalwood R Amin; 25 bales grey cotton sheeting R Shantilal and Co; 230 bls cotton raw N Fatehally; 1900 bales cotton raw K Devchand and Co; 1650 bales cotton raw Volkart Bros; 754 bales cotton raw Railli Bros; 800 bales cotton raw Konish and Co; 300 bales cotton raw K Poonja and Co; 300 bales cotton raw A Clayton and Co; 100 bls cotton raw Birla Cotton Factory; 100 bales cotton raw Hansraj and Co; 300 bales cotton raw K Vishram and Sons; 400 bales cotton raw Kotak and Co; 200 bales cotton raw G K Kaisha Ltd; 700 bales cotton raw M Amercey and Co.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 20.

511 drums bleaching powder; 80 loose auto springs; 285 cases Quaker Oats; 203 drums dyestuffs; 1875 loose tyres and tubes; 2513 loose rubber tyres; 215 cisterns milk of magnesia; 92 cisterns welding rods; 100 bags soda ash; 94 drums sodium sulphide; 56 cases ketchup in glass; 3208 reels galvanised barbed wire; 40 kits enamel; 47 packages machinery and parts; 263 packages motor cars and commercial chassis; 43 bales fertilizers; 30 cases Nujol; 5134 loose wheels; 68 cisterns tooth paste; 90 coils steel wire; 410 cases Flit insecticide; 38 cases agricultural instruments and parts; 50 packages air conditioning machinery and parts; 87 bales leather remnants; 55 cases raw stock film; 318 cases files; 83 bales secondhand clothing; 100 cisterns beer; 520 cases wire nails; 337 cases auto parts; 190 cases medicines; 175 cases dry storage batteries; 47 cisterns radios parts and tubes; 2179 pieces Douglas fir lumber; 3000 bags copra; 250 boxes fresh apples; 2534 cylinders cocoanut oil; 75 bags arecanuts; 135 bags beteinuts; 58 cases Quinine; 450 bags Paraffin wax; 603 bales cotton; 4283 bags dry dates; 28367 bundles wet dates.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET.

Ahmedabad: December 20.

The following are closing quotations:—

Calico 809/8; Ambika 304; Jubilee 312; Jupiter 144; Motilal Hirabhai 40; Marsden 126; Monograme 84; Ordinary 421.

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BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magsar Sud 10, 1996
Muslim: Jilkad 9, 1358
Parsi: Tir 17, 1309
Hightide: 6-13; 20-20
Lowtide: 6-31; 13-47
Sunrise: 7h. 7m.
Sunset: 6h. 7m.

Municipal Corporation: 4 p.m. (B.T.)
Municipal Standing Committee: 2-30 p.m. (B.T.)

B. M. BHAT HIGH SCHOOL

The 21st annual social gathering of the past and present students of the School will be held on 21st, 22nd and 23rd Dec. The programme includes athletic sports for boys and girls of the school and dramatic performances of plays written by the teachers specially for the occasion.

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Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"The Micado". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Rio". Daily at 4 6-30 and 10 p.m
METRO—"Thunder Afloat". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Real Glory". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Fifth Avenue Girl". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bhagva Zenda". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Aulad". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"As You Please". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Tarzan Finds A Son". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Admi". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Zenana show at 1 p.m.
DIAMOND—"Mirza Sahiban". Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Sukhacha Shodha". Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.

ELPHINSTONE HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Elphinstone High School Annual Athletic Sports will be held to-day (Thursday) at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.). Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas will preside.

ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB

As Monday, January the 22nd, 1940, is not a public holiday the Race Meeting advertised to be run on that day will now be run on Saturday, January, the 20th, 1940, (i. e., the Races advertised for the 13th January will be run on 20th January, 1940).

VOLLEY BALL TOURNAMENT

The United Volley Ball Challenge Cup Tournament organised by Mr. H. R. Mhatre, will commence from 14th January, 1940. The matches will be played in Robert Money High School grounds at Girgaum. Entries close on 9th January, 1940.

ENUMERATION OF LIVE STOCK IN CITY

The quinquennial enumeration of the Live Stock of the City of Bombay for the year 1940 will be commenced on 24th December, 1939 and concluded on 31st January, 1940, by the Municipality on behalf of Government.

BOMBAY PORT HAJ COMMITTEE

Intimation has been received from Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Company, Ltd., Bombay, that their s. s. "Rizwani" will sail for Jeddah via Karachi with liberty to call at Aden not later than the 2nd January, 1940. She has a carrying capacity of: 1st Class 34 and Deck 1412, making a total of 1446.

MEETING OF BOMBAY MOMINS

Under the auspices of Jamiat-ul-Ansar, Bombay, a huge public meeting of the Momins of Bombay will be held at Ghellabhai Street, Madanpura, to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m. Maulana Asim Behari and Dr Abdul Razak, Vice-President, All-India Momin Conference, will speak. Loud-speakers will be installed.

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Daily: 4, 7, 10 P. M.
Sundays & Holidays, 1 P. M.
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POSTAL NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the restriction imposed on the booking of insured articles and money orders for and from the branch offices in account with the following sub-offices has since been withdrawn:—

Under the Sukkur H. O.:—Badah Bhira, Dokri, Johi, Kambar, Kandiaro, Khairpur-Nathoshah, Larkana, Mehar, Moro, Naodero, Naushahro, Pad Idan, Radhan, Ratodero, Sehwan, Shahdadkot, Sita, Tharushah.

NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF KALI-SHANKER

(From A Correspondent).

Floral tributes were paid to the memory of the late Pandit Kalishanker Bajpai on the occasion of his ninth death anniversary, which was observed on Monday last in the Kalishanker Bajpai Reading Room and Damodar Raghoba Library Hall at Fergusson Road, Worli.

SHREE TATVADYAN MANDAL

Under the auspices of Shree Tatvadyan Mandal on Gita Jayanti day to-morrow (Friday) Mr. Gopal Shastri Karmbelkar will speak on "Importance of Bhagvat Gita" at 8 a.m. and Mr. Ramdatta Buwa will perform "Hari Kirtan" at 8-30 p.m. at Shri Mouni Buwa's Shree Ram Mandir, Vaidya wadi, Thakurdwar Road.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We have received the following:—

A wall calendar from Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

A wall calendar from Padhye's Shorthand and Typewriting Institute.

A wall calendar from the Western Union Telegraph Co.

A tear-off calendar from the Premier School of Shorthand and Typewriting.

NO ROAD SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Acting Secretary of the W.I.A.A. writes that the Road Service Department of the Association will be closed from midnight December 24th until 10 a.m. December 26th. Members and others are requested to note that Road Patrols and the W.I.A.A. Road Service Car will not be available, therefore, from the night of Christmas Eve until the morning of Boxing Day.

HOTEL WORKERS SUPPORT MAHAGAI CONFERENCE

A meeting of the hotel workers was held at Durgadevi, Kumbhar Wada. Mr. V. A. Nimbkar presided.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. Mahimkar, Jaswant Thakor and others. The speakers emphasised the importance of the Mahagai Conference and requested the workers to make it a great success. They also explained the War situation and demanded the immediate increment in wages in proportion to the high increased prices in markets. A demand for war allowance was also made.

FIRING OF ROYAL ARTILLERY

Firing with light guns will be carried out as under:—

Date.	Fort.	Time.	Practice Areas.
6/1/1940	Oyster Rock	18-45—21-00 Hrs.	C & D Sections
8/1/1940	Middle Ground	Do.	I & II
9/1/1940	Oyster Rock	Do.	Do.
11/1/1940	Middle Ground	Do.	Do.
12/1/1940	Oyster Rock	Do.	Do.

Times given are approximate and every endeavour will be made to adhere to them, but unavoidable delays may occur as a result of traffic in the harbour and its approaches.

ALLIANZ UND STUTTGARTER

Regarding the control and management of the Allianz Und Stuttgarter Life Insurance Bank, Ltd. (an enemy firm) the Central Government has authorised Messrs. A. F. Fergusson and Company, Chartered Accountants of Bombay, to carry on the said business: Provided that the said Ferguson and Company—(i) shall, in the management of the said business, be accountable to the Central Government, and be subject to the superintendence, direction and control of the Central Government, and (ii) shall not effect any new contracts of life insurance.

Congress Propaganda In Suburban District

(From Our Correspondent.)

BOMBAY, Monday.

The Control and Propaganda Committee of the Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee has arranged an exhaustive programme of tour in all the Villages of the Suburban District. The tour commenced on Sunday the 10th December under the leadership of Mr. B. G. Kher.

On 10th instant, the Committee visited (Saar) (near Santa Cruz) Bhandup, Chembur and Mahul.

At Bhandup Mr. Kher addressed the newly formed Asbestos Cement Workers' Union. At Mahul, Mr. Kher addressed a meeting consisting mainly of Harijans, Christians and Muslims.

On Sunday the Committee visited Orlem and (Malavni) near Malad. As the villagers are mostly Christians, Mr. Kher addressed the meeting in English. Narrating a short history of the Congress, Mr. Kher explained, the present political situation.

From Orlem, the Committee proceeded to Malavni, where a public meeting was held in the village school, which was addressed by Mr. Kher and Mr. D. N. Wandrekar.

Mr. K. B. Nair, G.B.V.C., V.S., B.V.Sc. (Toronto), who has been appointed Officiating Principal of the Veterinary College, Bombay, underwent post-graduate training at the Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh, obtained Diploma of Veterinary Surgeon from the Ontario Veterinary College, and the Degree of Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Toronto, Canada. He had worked at the Research Laboratory, Weybridge, Surrey, England, in the poultry diagnosis and poultry Disease Research sections in the National Institute of Poultry Husbandry, Newport, Shropshire, and in the Advisory Department of Veterinary Science and Dairy Bacteriology at the Harper Adams Agricultural College, Edinburgh.

THIRD A.-I COTTON ESTIMATE

The third All-India Cotton Forecast estimates for 1939-'40 will be exhibited in the Cotton Exchange (in the office of the East India Cotton Association, Ltd., and in the Trading Hall of the Association), Marwari Bazar, Bombay and in the Cotton Green Building of the Association, Sewri, Bombay, at 2-36 p.m. (S.T.) on Friday, the 22nd Dec. 1939.

National Kannada Education Society, Matunga

An enjoyable function was got up by the National Kannada Education Society, Matunga, on Sunday morning when the premises of the Kannada Primary School run by the Society was filled to capacity with children and parents, and a number of others including the Life Members of the society.

Mr. B. T. Char, in requesting Dewan Bahadur Ramaswamy to preside over a function, gave a short account of how the Society was founded and had started its activities with the opening of a Kannada primary school in Matunga (G. I. P.) He traced the progress of the school in the past six or seven months and said that the future progress of the school depended upon the extent to which the Society received the support of persons of the type of the distinguished President of the day.

In the course of his speech, Dewan Bahadur Ramaswamy stated that he felt proud of the laudable efforts of Kannadigas as instanced in the establishment of the Society and added that its future depended not on the support of one or even a few persons, but on all Kannadigas. He accordingly appealed to all Kannadigas unstintingly to extend their support to the worthy cause of promoting Kannada education. In a place like Bombay, he said, it ought not to be difficult at all to raise about Rs. 25,000 and to house the school in its own premises.

Mr. R. K. Prabhu, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman, echoed the feelings of the President and hoped that the later's appeal would meet with encouraging response.

First Woman Graduate In Marwadi Community

Under the auspices of the Bhagini Samaj, a meeting was held under the presidentship of Mrs. Hansa Mehta at Bhavatsky Lodge on Monday last to offer congratulations to Shri Mahabal Kumari Shrinivasram, daughter of Mr. Motilal Hirakhanwalla.

Mr. T. S. Asthikar paid tribute to the talents and integrity of Shrimati Mahabal Kumari who graduated as a non-collegiate student of the Nagpur University. Shrimati Jaishri Raiji then addressing the meeting said that the Marwadi Community is not as much advanced in education as in commerce and it is quite fitting that their congratulations are due to the first lady graduate of the said community.

Mrs. Hansa Mehta addressing from the Chair said it was her earnest desire that the Marwadi community should be blessed with as much education as it was blessed with riches. She sincerely wished her career would prove an example to other Marwadi ladies. She added that Female education had a greater bearing on children than males and that therefore better educated women would bring brighter prospects to the country.

Replying to the address, Shri Mahabal Kumari thanked the Bhagini Samaj for congratulating her and wished that the Marwadi community might advance in female education.

GOVERNMENT APPEALS TO HIGH COURT

Acquittal In Curfew Order Case Challenged

The appeal filed by the Bombay Government against the acquittal by the Chief Presidency Magistrate of one Rajendrasingh Ramsingh on the charge of violating the Curfew Order was heard by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen at the High Court.

Their Lordships remitted the case to the Magistrate to be heard on its merits.

On August 1, the Chief Presidency Magistrate promulgated an order under section 144 of the Cr. Pr. Code prohibiting people from moving in the streets after 10 p.m. The next day the accused was arrested for a breach of the Order. He was tried on August 11 after the Order was withdrawn. The Magistrate held that as the Order had ceased to be in operation on the date of the trial, the accused could not be convicted.

In their judgment, their lordships, after discussing legal authorities, observed that if a person had been charged with a breach of an order at a time when the order was in force, it did not affect the validity of the trial if he was put on trial after the expiry of the Order.

Their Lordships, therefore, set aside the order of acquittal and remitted the case to the Magistrate for trial on its merits.

Applications For Grants-in-Aid For 1939-'40

The Publicity Officer to the Government of Bombay, writes:—

Approved Primary Schools started by private individuals or bodies under the scheme of liquidation of mass illiteracy are to be paid grants-in-aid during the current year 1939-'40 in accordance with the rules sanctioned by the Government of Bombay.

Applications for registration of the schools received on or before January 15, 1940, only will be considered and the schools registered for grants-in-aid for the year 1939-'40. Managers applying for registration of their schools after January 15, 1940 should clearly note that their schools will not be considered for grants-in-aid for the current year, 1939-'40.

GURU DATTA JAYANTI

There will be 'bhajan' and "arati' in connection with the Guru Datta Jayanti festival at Old Dubashwadi, Tardeo Road.

BOMBAY CYCLE SHOP-KEEPERS MEETING

Under the auspices of the Bombay Cycle Shop-keepers' Association a public meeting will be held to-day (Thursday) at 9 p.m. at Foras Road Cement Chawl, opp. Municipal Workshop, when Messrs. V. B. Karnik, R. A. Khedgikar, M.L.A., Abdul Rahman Mitha and others will speak.

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Talk Of The Suburbs

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

The gates of the long-awaited festival "X'mas" will be thrown open in a few days.

Several annual Christmas functions have already been held and during Christmas week the suburbs have a very big programme.

A noteworthy function is the annual dance to be held on the tennis courts of the 'Rest' Ranwar, Bandra, on Dec. 25.

The other important function on the same day is a variety dramatic performance to be held by the Colwad Dramatic Union, Bandra. This performance will be held in St. Stanislaus School compound and is to start at 8-30 p.m.

On December 25, Suburban kiddies should have quite a nice time at the Bandra Talkies.

VACCINATION IN BANDRA

The Bandra Municipality as far as I know, are taking every precaution against small-pox which is now raging in Bombay.

Leaflets are being distributed throughout the area and several centres have been opened. Bandra public must co-operate in making the working smoother.

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NO MORE DELAY

It is a pity that Mr. Jinnah has refused to call off the "Deliverance" demonstrations announced for to-morrow. But it is something that at the last moment he has tried to give them a purely political complexion. If, however, by inviting several disgruntled persons of different communities to join his demonstrations he thinks he can show general public opinion to be behind him, he may deceive himself but he will not deceive dispassionate observers. It is unnecessary to scan minutely the motives of those who have responded to the invitation to join the demonstration and who include even anti-prohibitionists. It is enough to say that a dispute between the Congress and Opposition groups is a lesser evil than a communal feud, for the simple reason that political barriers are not permanent like the communal ones

Good Out Of Evil

Good often comes out of evil and so it may be in the present case if the evil induces Congress leaders to find a suitable remedy It may take some time for the right remedy to have its full effect. It will be a great thing if the right remedy is immediately adopted, instead of being indefinitely put off in the hope of a more suitable time for its choice and adoption. The minority problem is not peculiar to India. It is to be found in many other countries, and the ways in which it was solved elsewhere should lighten the task here. Some years ago Dr. Shafaat Ahmed Khan strongly commended to India the minority Treaties that were made at the conclusion of the last war It is true that circumstances in India differ from those in Europe and the minority problem in India must be solved differently, but certain fundamental principles do not differ. Only two may be mentioned here. First, one minority cannot be favoured at the expense of others, except of course, that the weakest, ke Harijans, will need some special consideration. Secondly, as Mr. H. N. Brailsford remarks in his pamphlet on "Democracy for India," while "a religious minority may fairly claim the most ample guarantees for its cultural rights and for equal treatment in such matters as the distribution of public appointments, it is not entitled to veto the will of the majority for national unity and responsible Self-Government. To frustrate the will of the majority is to frustrate democracy itself, and it is significant that every democracy-loving minority decides its own internal differences by the rule of the majority in the last analysis. If the rule of the majority is to be called tyranny, the rule of the minority is worse tyranny and a certain way to chaos, if only for the reason that there is no knowing which minority should rule and every minority will strive to rule.

Coalition Ministries

We cordially welcome the report that the Congress Working Committee is contemplating a general Charter of Minority Rights. The Congress may well be more generous towards minorities than foreign countries have been, especially in regard to the measure of representation in the legislatures and the Cabinets. As regards Coalition Ministries we would repeat our suggestion that they may be tried, if only for a time wherever conditions are or can be made favourable for them. Where a Coalition is not possible for any reason the suggestion made some time ago by Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan that there should be a standing committee representing important minorities to advise the Ministry on their rights may be carried out. The present communal trouble may yet yield, we fervently hope, some good in the shape of a communal settlement, even if it must be only of a tentative character. If the talks with Mr Jinnah are not to be resumed, the suggestion of Sir Sikandar Hayat Khan about a small informal conference to consider only the communal question should be accepted.

Belgium's Warning

Some time ago the President of the Belgian Chamber made an important statement as regards Belgium's neutrality and her attitude in the case of any aggression against Holland. M. Spaak, the Foreign Minister, has reiterated it even more authoritatively. He says:

"An independent and neutral Holland is indispensable to Belgium's neutrality. It would be imprudent to determine now the attitude we would take if the situation in Holland changed, but it would be equally imprudent to state that a new situation would leave us indifferent."

So far as Germany is concerned this is emphatic enough. If there is aggression of the type which the Nazis were reported to have been contemplating, Belgium will go to the assistance of Holland. But the more interesting question which arises from M. Spaak's declaration is: Was he making just a general statement of policy or is the danger to Holland again more or less imminent?

An Unwarranted Change

A correspondent points out that within a few days of the Bombay Congress Ministry's resignation the new Government have, by a quiet change in the rules regarding the regulation of bus traffic in the districts, upset the policy of protective regulation, laid down by the Congress Ministry. That policy was calculated, through wholesome restrictions on bus traffic, to ensure maximum efficiency to avoid cut-throat competition and consequent inefficiency and risks to passengers, and to give a fair measure of protection wherever it was needed. But, according to our correspondent, the new Government issued, on 3rd November last, orders to the effect that as they find that the restrictions so far imposed have seriously affected Government revenues from Motor Vehicles Tax and Fees, they have decided that, pending the constitution of the Provincial and Regional Transport authorities under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, no further restriction on the number of buses on any route should be imposed under Rule 61 (2) of the Public Service Motor Vehicles Rules, 1927, and no application to increase the number of buses on any route should be refused without Government sanction. When Government are anxious to increase the revenue from motor vehicles, the officials will obviously not put any restrictions on the motor traffic. And though this will certainly increase revenue, it will also increase unrestrained competition, inefficiency and risks to passengers. This is too high a price to be paid for increased revenue. If the facts are as stated by our correspondent, Government should reconsider their decision. It is said that the new provicial and regional transport authorities are to be appointed in April next. Why should their hands be tied by the unrestrainted grant of licences which cannot be easily or fairly revoked later? It is much fairer to let the Congress Ministry's policy continue till the new transport authorities to be created in April next consider the whole question afresh.

Relief To Shop Assistants

(By YUSUF MEHERALLY, President Gumasta Maha Mandal)

The great awakening in India during recent years has found significant echo in the lives and struggles of that numerous and also, perhaps, the most neglected section of the people—the shop-assistants. In the city of Bombay alone, their number has been estimated to be two lakhs. Likewise, in many cities and towns of this country they are spread out, patiently working from early mornings to late night, without even the modest protection that the industrial workers have won for themselves.

The passage, therefore, of the Bombay Shops and Establishment Bill through the Bombay legislature six weeks ago, is an event of importance. It was one of the very last beneficent measures of the Bombay Congress Ministry before it resigned Though most of the other Provincial legislatures are considering similar measures Bombay was the first to enact the law. Since then, the Bill has received the assent of the Governor and was published in the Government "Gazette" on November 2. Of course the Bill does not grant all that the Gumastas have been seeking for, but it is a hopeful first step that is likely to bring relief to several hundred thousand shop-assistants in the Presidency.

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Three years ago, the shop-assistants started to organise themselves. Several months of strenuous preliminary work preceded the calling of a really representative conference, attended by many thousands, over which Seth Jamnalal Bajaj presided and which Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda inaugurated. At that conference the various Gumasta organisations, that had come into existence decided to form the Shop-Assistants Federation (Gumasta Maha Mandal). The Mandal, thus formed, has laboured unceasingly ever since to put forward the view-point of the Gumastas. Its own journal 'Gumasta Sandesh' is widely popular. In fact it is the only paper of this description in India.

Only a few weeks ago amid scenes of enthusiasm the second session of the Gumasta conference met under the presidentship of Mr. S A Brelvi. This was inaugurated by Mr. Samaldas Gandhi. Delegates from 40 affiliated Unions took part in its deliberations. The conference thanked the Bombay Congress Ministry for introducing legislation and suggested a number of modifications in the Bill, still on the anvil. Its principal decisions asked for closing of shops at 6 p.m., eight hour day, weekly day of rest on Sunday, prohibition of night trading in forward markets, prohibition of child labour under 12 years of age, and provisions for minimum wage and privilege and casual leave.

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With this background it is interesting to review the present Bombay Shops and Establishment Bill. Its principal features are five in number:—

1. Shops shall not be opened earlier than the hour fixed by the Government or close later than 9 p.m.

2. No employee of any shop shall be required to work for more than 9 1|2 hours a day.

3. Overtime limit shall not exceed 120 hours in a calendar year such overtime shall be paid for at 1 1|4 the normal rate.

4. Every shop-assistant shall be entitled to a weekly day of rest.

5. Child labour (children under 12 years of age) is prohibited and hours of work for those between 12 and 17 are regulated.

The measure does not go as far as the active needs of the shop assistants require. But modest as it is, it is a notable beginning. How bad the conditions of the shop-assistants are may be gauged from the recent enquiry conducted by the Labour Officer of the Bombay Government. It showed several categories of work, in which Gumastas had to work as much as 14 to 15 hours a day and in some restaurants actually as many as 18 hours. The report states that in vegetable and fruit shops the average is 14 to 15 hours, while more than half their number work for 15 to 16 hours; in provision shops it ranges from 12 to 15 hours; in milk and confectionaries shops between 11 and 16 hours, the average being 13 3|4.

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The Bill applies in the first instance to Bombay, Sholapur and Hubli Municipal areas and municipal and cantonment areas of Poona and Ahmedabad. It does not apply to the employer and members of his family and to those whose work is of an intermittent nature like travelling salesmen, canvassers, watchmen, etc. Penalties are also provided for the breach of the Act, which are Rs. 25 fine for the first offence and Rs. 250 for every subsequent breach. Another good feature prohibits the sale of goods by hawkers after closing hours of the shops and penalties are indicated for breach of this.

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Though nearly six weeks have passed since the Act came into force it is rather regrettable that its provisions are not still enforced. In quite a few markets it still remains inoperative. The attention of the commercial community needs to be urgently called to this and it is to be hoped that the municipalities in whom the duty of enforcing the Act largely rests will take up the matter without further delay.

While the Act is the most welcome in the relief it brings, the Gumasta Mandal will naturally continue its activities and agitation with renewed vigour for securing other demands indicated at the Conference Further rights can only be won by steady work and improved organisation Meanwhile immediate efforts are needed to implement the present Act and secure its benefits to the Gumastas, undoubtedly one of the most oppressed sections of the Indian people.

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Propaganda

By D. F. KARAKA

"Thirty years ago the word propaganda was hardly known to students of politics. To-day no word is of more frequent occurrence in newspapers, in books, in conversation, whenever international affairs are discussed. So runs the publishers' note on this pamphlet which deals with Propaganda in International Politics and which is written by Professor E. H. Carr. Of the author we know that he served in the Foreign Office and in the Diplomatic Service for twenty years and has been since 1936 Wilson Professor of International Politics in the University College of Wales.

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The main reason of the rise to importance of the weapon of Propaganda is the fact that the number of people, whose opinions are politcally significant, has vastly increased.

Where the masses are involved, it is essential that there should be "some control over the use and the expression of opinion, where such opinion is known to have effect on number that run into the hundred thousand. Once there was a time when "the philosophers of "laissez-faire" believed that opinion, like trade, should be free from all controls." But free trade has so long been given up and civilisation in its struggle for existence and in self-defence has erected so many barriers that the old argument for freedom of opinion must now necessarily be revised. One cannot afford to let every demagogue thump every platform or speak what he likes over the air. Democracy has its merits but it must not be abused. Somehow somewhere, someone has to step in and cry halt. On the other hand a complete stifling of opinion leads to the sort of impasse in Germany, where an ostensibly free people live in mortal fear of the Gestapo and the Secret Agents of the Nazi Government.

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Propaganda however, becomes more vital in times of war. It is an instrument of war policy to regulate propaganda to the greatest possible effect. So complicated is modern warfare that with the economic and the military aspects of it must also be taken into consideration the psychological. There are some people who feel that more damage was done to Germany in the eyes of the world when British bombers dropped leaflets than if they had dropped incendiary bombs. Says Prof. Carr, speaking of the Allied Victory in the last war:

"Throughout the War of 1914-18 the close inter-dependence between the three forms of power was constantly demonstrated. The success of propaganda on both sides, both at home and in neutral and enemy countries, rose and fell with the varying fortunes of the military and economic struggle. When at length the Allied blockade and Allied victories in the field crippled German resources, Allied propaganda became enormously effective and played a considerable part in the final collapse The victory of 1918 was achieved by a skilful combination of military power, economic power and propaganda." Perhaps the truth of this will manifest itself once more when this present war ends.

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The author discusses this problem from various other angles. This pamphlet is a resume of what the author says on the subject in a book, which Macmillans are to bring out shortly He discusses it in a nutshell here, but it is an exhaustive nutshell. He tells us how propaganda is organised, what international agreements there have been to restrain it, and the truth and the morality that underly international propaganda. Somewhere towards the end of the pamphlet he says:

"Propaganda to be successful must appeal to some universally or generally recognised values Although, as has already been said, propaganda becomes an effective force in international politics only when it is harnessed to national power, it nevertheless remains true that it must

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Frankly Speaking

British Air Power

Mr. Winston Churchill has made another of his fighting speeches in which he took the opportunity fully to rub in the recent naval successes. He will, however, fail in what, we believe, was his principal objective to provoke the Nazis into sending their fleet out. They are, as he himself pointed out, meeting their wrath in another way that is, by attacking shipping from the air. Completely free, as the Nazis are, from limitations of international law, it is easy for them to spring unexpected surprises and score some "hits" as they have done. But those who have successfully fought the U-boat and the magnetic mine can master the air menace much more easily and quickly. Aircraft are visible and British machines have already proved themselves better than German ones. In this connection, it is interesting to note that, according to Sir Charles Kingsley-Wood, Britain is already on the way to overwhelming Germany in the air. If this is not an exaggeration, Nazi Germany will be a beaten country before the spring.

Finns Retracting

In spite of the claim that a Soviet battleship has been sunk at Kovisto, further reports of the Russo-Finnish war show that the situation is growing progressively unfavourable to the Finns. They are retreating in the North and even though they may resist in a determined fashion they cannot withstand heavy odds. Moreover, it is reported that M. Stalin has had important conferences with M. Molotov and his Army Chiefs. It probably means that he has decided to overwhelm the Finns not with hundreds of thousands of troops but with a million or more—and a proportionate number of his bombers.

Sheer Suicide

The Nazis have sent a big German liner, the "Columbus", to the bottom of the sea after the "Admiral Graf Spee". It was supposed to act as a supply ship to surface raiders and U-Boats. So with the end of the raider she had probably exhausted her main duty. But whether the New York manager of the North German Lloyd did so or not, he may well exclaim: "My God, it is just one blow after another". And this last self-inflicted blow was sheer suicide which could easily have been avoided. The Nazis could have allowed her to remain with a skeleton crew in a neutral harbour for the duration of the war and paid the necessary dues. These could not have amounted to more than a fraction of what the "Columbus" was worth. But, of course, the Nazis are desperate and interested only in the war

Mr. Sarkar's Resignation

Mr. N. R. Sarkar's resignation from the Bengal Ministry was almost a foregone conclusion, judging from the widening gulf between him and his colleagues. Indeed, the wonder is that he did not resign earlier His resignation shows the difficulties of coalition ministries at a time when the differences between coalition groups become very sharp. But that does not rule out such ministries in all circumstances. Mr. Sarkar's resignation is obviously due to the present foul political atmosphere in the country when the relations between the Congress and the League are abnormally strained. But if there should be a settlement between the two bodies on the basis of coalition ministries, among other terms, a coalition can command prolonged stability.

A Question For Jinnah

A Muslim writes:—

I was really surprised to read in to-day's papers that "the Trustees of all the mosques in the province of Bombay have intimated to the provincial Muslim League that they have arranged thanksgiving prayers in the mosques on Friday." Presumably these prayers will be in obedience to the call of Mr. M. A. Jinnah to observe the "Day of Deliverance."

I do not know if this information is correct. It is rumoured to have emanated from the office of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League. But assuming that it is correct may I ask what right the Trustees of any mosque have to arrange such prayers in a mosque? The Trustees are appointed to manage the properties of the mosques and generally to look after the upkeep of the mosques, and surely it is not open to them to arrange in the house of God any prayers they like. They are responsible to Muslims and not to the Muslim League whatever their personal and political views. I am not denying that a majority of Musalmans supports the "Deliverance Day" but Mr. Jinnah himself cannot deny that Muslims do exist who are opposed to it and to all complementary functions. What about them and their duty about attending Friday prayers? Should they join these prayers when they hold in all honesty that they should not, or should they refrain on that day from saying Friday prayers a sacred religious duty? There will be only three alternatives before such Muslims as do not subscribe—rightly or wrongly—is besides the point—to the Muslim League policy of thanksgiving: announce their differences at the prayers which will most certainly lead to trouble, secondly, join in the prayers and behave hypocritically towards their God, thirdly, refrain from attending Friday prayers and thus have the home of God closed to them—thanks to the Trustees of the mosques.

May I ask the Trustees if they realise their responsibilities? May I also invite Mr. Jinnah to consider the questions I have ventured to ask in this letter?

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Power is a heady wine and the Congress, intoxicated by the unaccustomed draught, have thrown opportunity aside and preferred the wilderness to action of a sort that must have bound an already sympathetic British nation in sheer gratitude to concede the ultimate demand of the Indian people for equal partnership in the British Commonwealth.
—Anglo-India.

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The British and Indian Governments are awaiting concrete proposals from the Congress.

In return for the stones that they are throwing at it. Not a bad idea!

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It is suggested in Delhi that Lord Linlithgow's silence is due to the fact that he has nothing to add to his earlier pronouncements.

Quite so. If he did,—for instance, express his opinion on Mr. Jinnah's representations to the Governor-General—the addition would be most embarrassing, wouldn't it?

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Sir Sikandar Hayat, according to his Private Secretary, has left Lahore suddenly for an "unknown destination."

This description, however, is scarcely complimentary to the Qaid-e-Azam or his headquarters.

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Mr. V. D. Savarkar, and other leaders—accompanied by Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta as honorary delegate—will leave for Calcutta on December 25 to attend the Mahasabha Session.

Which ought to enable them to celebrate Mr. Jinnah's "Day of Deliverance" comfortably.

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Anti-Prohibitionist Parsis Bless Jinnah's Move
—Headline.

It is understood that the Qaid-e-Azam of Muslims in India feels profoundly gratified.

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Apropos of Mr. Jinnah's sensational revelation of a secret letter written from Sadaqat Ashram to the President of the Gaya District Congress Committee, Sjt. Jaya Prakash Narain, the President concerned, ridicules the whole thing on the ground that he never received any such letter.

Sjt. J. P. Narain's logic is obviously faulty. How could he and Mr. Jinnah's publicity agents receive the self-same letter together?

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It is reported from Calcutta that Maharajkumar Udaychand Mahtab of Burdwan has been approached to join the Government in succession to Mr. N. R. Sarkar.

We heartily support the move. It is no more than in the fitness of everything that the leader of Bengal and chorus Girl of the British Empire should be represented in Maulvi Fazlul Haq's Cabinet if only through the Maharajkumar.

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The "Admiral Graf Spee," her Captain is reported to have admitted, changed her names several times to "Deutschland" and "Admiral Scheer"

But this should not be taken by the British Minister of Information and his subordinate geniuses to mean that the other two were also sunk outside Montevideo the other day.

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The Argentine Government have decided to charge the German Government £6,000 a month for the maintenance of "Graf Spee" crew.

But suppose they pay in kind?

Or better suppose Doctor Schacht suggests a barter in the shape of maintaining an equal number of Argentine—on agricultural farms of Germany.

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"Do you speak French?"
"Yes."
"Speak it."
"French."
"Yes, French."
"Well, I spoke it, French. Do you want me to sing it?"

Soviet Warship Of 23,000 Tons Sunk

Heavy Price Paid For Miscalculation: Smart Work By Finnish Batteries

HELSINKI, Dec. 19.

An unconfirmed Finnish report states that Finnish coastal batteries at Koviste in Karelia sunk the 23,000-ton Soviet battleship "Oktiabrskaya Revolutia".

The report of the sinking of the Soviet battleship asserts that the Russians knew that the range of the biggest guns of the Koivisto batteries was only about three miles and accordingly kept the warships just out of range.

The Finns, however, brought up a bigger and better artillery and when the battleship was cruising within four miles of the shore fired a terrific salvo which hit, and it is believed sank the battleship.—Reuter.

REDS OCCUPY ARCTIC TERRITORY

LONDON, Dec. 20.

A Reuter despatch from the Norwegian-Finnish Frontier states that Soviet troops yesterday completed the occupation of the strip of Finnish Arctic territory separating the extreme north-west of Norway from Soviet Russia.

They are reported to have established their headquarters at Salmijaervi.

Big numbers of troops and a lot of material are being transported towards the south from port Petsamo. Observers say that the Russians have 10,000 men not including motorised detachments operating on this front, whereas the Finns have not more than 1,000; but the Soviet losses are reported to have been heavy.

NEW YORK.—Mr. Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund, cabled a hundred thousand dollars to Finland for immediate relief to suffering non-combatants.—Reuter.

No More Sea Battles Near American Coast

NEW WORLD STATES TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT RECURRENCE: SUMNER-WELLES REPLY TO MOLOTOV

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Mr. Sumner Welles in a speech last night declared that the American States would take steps to prevent a recurrence of sea battles off the American coast like the battle off River Plate.

He referred to the 300 miles security zone fixed at the recent Pan-American Conference and said that certain events in the past few days "had shown disregard by belligerents of rights so asserted by the American Republics."

He added that the American Governments would promptly take measures to "make very much less likely in the future such disregard for their inalienable right of self-protection".

Mr. Sumner-Welles gave no hint as to what measures American states were preparing but said they would be taken "after consultation."

Mr. Sumner-Welles also by direct implication denounced Russia's invasion of Finland.

REPLY TO MOLOTOV.

Recalling M. Molotov's "extraordinary address" in October in which he declared that Cuba had been unable to obtain her "freedom" from the United States, Mr. Sumner-Welles declared: "Certainly the policy of the United States towards her neighbour Cuba, in order to ensure the freedom and independence of the latter, has not been a policy which has manifested itself in ruthless efforts at military invasion of that neighbour, nor in slaughter of helpless civilians through bombardment from the air."

Mr. Sumner-Welles suggested that when M. Molotov spoke he must have been so engrossed in Russia's efforts to insure "in the present Soviet manner" the freedom and political independence of Finland as to have been prevented from learning that Cuba is as free as any country in the world.—Reuter.

NIZAM'S DONATION OF ONE LAKH

Contribution To War Relief Fund

HYDERABAD, (Dn.) Dec. 20.

A donation of one lakh of rupees by the Nizam of Hyderabad was announced at a meeting held to inaugurate the Hyderabad War Relief Fund this afternoon under the presidenship of the Prince of Berar. The meeting was largely attended by high officials, nobles of the State and citizens. The Government Offices were closed for half a day to enable the officials to attend the meeting.

The Prince of Berar made an appeal to respond to the invitation of H. E. the Viceroy for assistance to Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance Association.—A.P.

GOVERNOR'S FUNCTIONS AT AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, December 20.

Lady Lumley granted interviews to the following:- Lady Ramanbhai, Miss D. D. Cama, Miss Scott, Miss Baptista, Miss D'Monte and Dr. Miss Nanavati.

The Governor of Bombay granted interviews to the following:—Sardar Mir Hafizuddin Ahmedkhan, Sardar Nawab Sir Maharsinhji Ishwarsinh, Thakor of Amod, Sardar Jayavantsinhji Ranmalsinhji, Thakor of Sanand and Koth Sardar Sahebsinhji Juvansinhji, Thakore of Gangad, Sardar Shermia Bapumia, Sardar Subamia Bapumia, Sardar Joravarkhanji Latifkhanji and Sardar Anvarli Askarali.

Lady Lumley gave a dinner party at the Circuit House. The guests were:—Lady Madhavial, Lady Ramanbhai, Mrs. G. G. Drewe, Miss G. S. Rajadyaksha, Mrs. C. E. Penny, Miss D. D. Cama, Mrs. Jamshed Cama, Mrs. A. C. Clarke, Mrs. A. L. Dias, Mrs. T. M. Jagtiani, Mrs. Charles Marsden, Mrs. F. Mosseley, Miss N. Scott and Miss Jehangir Rustam Vakil.—A.P.

Gujarat Landholders' Appeal To Governor

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20.

An appeal to the Governor of Bombay to withhold his assent to the Tenancy Bill passed by the Congress Government of the Province, "as it encroaches upon the rights and interests of landholders enjoyed from time immemorial," was made by a deputation of Gujarat landholders who waited in a deputation on His Excellency this morning.

The Governor heard the deputationists patiently and replied sympathetically, stating that their objections were sent to H E the Viceroy who would give careful consideration to them.—United Press.

KATHIAWAR DEWANS CONFER

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, December 19.

Yesterday night when Bhavnagar State Dewan Mr. Anantrai Pattani was motoring to the station for coming to Rajkot to attend the Kathiawar States' Dewans' Conference he met with an accident and sustained injuries on his face. Yet he attended the Conference with bandages on.

To-day the Kathiawad States' Dewans' Conference was held here at the Junagadh State bungalow. The Conference met twice under the presidentship of Jamnagar State Dewan and Porbandar State Dewan respectively.

The Dewans of Dhrangadhra, Bhavnagar, Palitana, Wankaner also attended.

Mr. Chinoy, Bar.-at-Law, attended on behalf of Rajkot State. Other States' representatives also attended.

The Conference terminated after many hours of discussion and unanimously resolved to continue the old system regarding contribution of joint funds, which they have to give for supporting some public institutions situated in Rajkot Civil Station.

AMERICAN CRUISER RESCUES 579 SURVIVORS : NO LIVES LOST

(Continued from page 1.)

the company's New York manager, John Schroeder.

While in Vera Cruz several of the crew of the "Columbus" deserted her because they were denied shore leave and were kept on short rations, according to Mexican authorities. Several others were drowned when their launch capsized during a storm in the harbour.

During her stay in Mexican waters the "Columbus" aroused considerable suspicion.

It is suggested that under cover of darkness she was giving supplies to U-boats or surface raiders.

The "Tuscaloosa" later notified the Navy Department that two firemen of the "Columbus" were found to be missing when the roll was called.—Reuter.

BRITISH WARSHIP PURSUES GERMAN TANKER

Enters American Waters For Shelter

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Washington coastguard headquarters announce that the German tanker "Arauca" entered American territorial waters near Port Everglades, Florida, apparently trying to escape being pursued by a British warship.

Other sources state that the warship tried to stop the tanker by firing shots across her bows after encountering her just outside the three-mile limit.—Reuter.

HOW "COLUMBUS" WAS BOOKED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Shrewd work on the part of the Commander-in-Chief of the American and West Indies station was responsible for the interception of the "Columbus." Acting on slender information, says the dispatch, the Commander-in-Chief ordered out a destroyer and gave her minute details about the course to be followed. The result was the interception and subsequent scuttling of the liner.—Reuter.

Berlin Admits Damage To Cruiser

ZURICH, Dec. 20.

The Berlin Correspondent of the "Neue Zurcher Zeitung" states that well-informed quarters in Berlin confirm the reports that the German cruiser "Bluecher" was badly damaged by a British torpedo.—Reuter.

NAZI DEFEATISM EXPOSED

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

"Germans have lost whatever prestige they may have gained by the spectacular escape of the "Bremen," says the "New York Times" commenting on the scuttling of the "Columbus", the news of which was splashed in all morning papers under banner headlines. The "New York Herald Tribune" says the scuttling following so closely on the fate of the "Graf Spee" can hardly fail to dishearten the German public. "However philosophically the German public may accept the fate of the "Columbus" it is unmistakeably ominous news. The regime that expects to win war is hardly likely to take such extravagant risks. There can be no question that Mr. Churchill was amply justified in his optimistic forecast."

The well-known Commentator Dorothy Thompson, writing in the "Herald Tribune" describes the self-destruction of the "Graf Spee" as an "act of supreme defeatism." The "Herald Tribune" itself comments: "The "Graf Spee" incident has effectively blown up the Panama Agreement."—Reuter.

I. R. A. BOMB OUTRAGE

Explosion At Birmingham Stores But None Injured

LONDON, Dec. 20.

There has been another bomb outrage in Birmingham believed to be due to the I. R. A. A high explosive bomb exploded during the night at the entrance of a large department stores. The explosion was deadened by the pile of sandbags surrounding the entrance and nobody was injured.—Reuter.

Raid On German Organisations

WINDHOEK, Dec. 20.

The Police simultaneously raided a number of offices belonging to German organisations to-day, carried out an organised search and removed large quantities of documents.—Reuter.

NO IMPORTANCE TO COMMUNAL DIFFICULTIES

Sir Stafford Speaks To Wardha Pressmen

WARDHA, Dec. 20.

The pre-occupation of British statesman in connection with the war was mentioned as the main difficulty in the way of a satisfactory solution of the Indian question, by Sir S. Cripps in the course of a conversation with Press representatives on coming out of a thirty-minute conference with Mahatma Gandhi today.

Sir S. Cripps said that once Britain made up her mind on the question of Indian independence, the present deadlock between the Congress and the British Government must be capable of a solution. He did not attach any importance to communal difficulties which he thought were a "legacy of the past."—A. P.

British Flying Boat's Encounter With German Machine

LONDON, December 20.

The Air Ministry to-night denied the German High Command statement that a British flying-boat was shot down. It is stated that a British flying-boat yesterday encountered a German machine off the Norwegian Coast. The enemy was driven off and the flying-boat returned to its base.—Reuter.

Australian Vice Air Marshal Resigns

MELBOURNE, Dec. 20.

Air Vice-Marshal S. J. Goble, Acting Chief of Air Staff, has submitted his resignation because of a "matter of a high personal principle."—Reuter.

HOARE SPEAKS ON AIR

"We Intend To Keep Lead, Win And Hold The Command Of The Air"

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Sir Samuel Hoare, broadcasting to the Empire at 15-00 said that if he was asked why the British Empire fought, he did not answer as a Minister. "The answer is not to be found in Downing Street nor in the Cabinet rooms of the Dominions." The motives which led to the people making the decision were those which sprang from the belief that everlasting values and principles which we could not put a price on were in danger.

The possibility of a decent, orderly and happy life in the world was being undermined and destroyed. We wanted peace, but not the peace which contained a spreading canker of war, not peace which meant progressive enslavement.

It might be queer that the expected air attacks had not come but that suited us well as every day postponed, we would be better able to meet and beat them.

Speaking about the R.A.F., Sir Samuel Hoare said, that our young knights of the air were as brave and skilful as any happy warriors we had ever produced. We had realised that the machines were good enough for to-day, not up to the needs of to-morrow, and we intended to keep the lead, win and hold the command of the air.

Referring to the glorious memories awakened by the arrival of Canadian Troops in Britain, Sir Samuel Hoare said that the man in the street had no warning of the event, and so his joy and delight and a sense of being one mighty brotherhood that spanned continents and bridged oceans had suddenly swept over him in a triumphant wave of affection and pride.—Reuter.

SMUTS' POLICY TRIUMPHS

STANDERTON (Transvaal), Dec. 20.

If the South African Government had not taken over the police of South West Africa in April, the world war might have broken out not in Poland but in South Africa, declared General Smuts in a speech to his constituents.

General Smuts added that but for the Government's quick action, the outbreak of war might have occurred on the borders of South Africa. Germany had followed in South West Africa the same technique of undermining and breaking the spirit of independence of the people as she did in Austria and Czechoslovakia.

If Germany had regained South West Africa, there was no doubt that the freedom and independence of South Africa would not have lasted long.

IF SOUTH AFRICA SECEDED.

Loud applause greeted General Smuts' remark that Germany as a neighbour was a threat but England was South Africa's greatest friend. General Smuts declared that there was the strongest documentary evidence to show how German eyes had been on South Africa, who possessed her former colonies.

If South Africa seceded from the Empire, she would have to seek the guarantee of a great power and the only one possible was Britain.

A motion of confidence in General Smuts was passed with acclamation.—Reuter.

Just And Generous Deal To Muslims

"League Is Out To Play Game Of Those Who Wish To Postpone Day Of India's Deliverance" Says C. P. Ex-Premier

JUBBULPORE, Dec. 19.

Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla, ex-Premier of the Central Provinces and Berar, in a Press statement, has refuted the allegations levelled against the Congress Ministries by Mr. Jinnah, President of the Muslim League. He says:—

"Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has rightly characterised the atrocity stories of Mr. Jinnah and the Hon'ble Mr. Fazlul Huq as a mountain of lies. So far as my Province is concerned, these allegations can be aptly described as the Himalayas of lies.

"In regard to allegations contained in the Pirpur Committee report, the Ministry, with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, had issued a lengthy Press note dated 9th February, 1939, refuting every one of them. As in this case so in every other matter the Ministry had acted with the concurrence of His Excellency. Moreover, I and my two other colleagues, namely, Pandit D. P. Mishra and Pandit D. K. Mehta, had on several occasions ascertained His Excellency's views regarding our policy and action in such matters and we were always assured that he had never felt called upon to disagree with us. The Governor had also received a memorial signed by some Muslim gentlemen of the League persuasion and after due enquiries had found no substance in the allegations contained therein."

MUSLIM LEAGUE'S SECRETARY'S CONSENT

Continuing Pandit R. S. Shukla observes: "It may also be stated that ours was the only Province which had invited Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, to sit with us in a conference of the provincial Muslim M.L.A.'s and help us with his advice in regard to the 'Vidya Mandirs,' 'Vande-Mataram,' the 'National Flag' and other Muslim grievances. The agreed conclusions of this conference were signed by me and the Nawabzada and are still to be found in the Secretariat along with the statement issued by the Provincial Government on the 10th of February, 1939."

GENEROUS DEAL TO MUSLIMS

Pandit Shukla further remarks. "It pains me considerably to find that, despite all the efforts of the Ministry to give Muslims not only a just but a generous deal, they have been now ordered to celebrate their 'deliverance' from the Congress regime of this Province. If the idea underlying is to have a series of riots throughout the length and breadth of the country and thus to divert the political energies of the nation into communal channels, I must say that nothing better than the 'Deliverance Day' could have been hit upon. But then the pretence of serving the Muslims must be given up, and it should be openly acknowledged that the Muslim League is out to play the game of those, who wish to postpone the day of India's deliverance To me the most distressing spectacle is to see the Hon'ble Mr. Fazlul Huq, the Premier of a Province inhabited both by Muslims and Hindus in almost equal number, calling upon his own community to celebrate the 'Deliverance Day,' knowing fully well that it will excite the worst type of communal passions.

"Of Course," Pandit Shukla concludes, "in the Congress Provinces we, with all our faults, had lacked the inclination to adopt such methods. Our only crime was that we looked upon ourselves as responsible to all such sections of our people irrespective of caste, creed and community.—United Press.

Minority's Dictation Opposed To Democratic Practice

N. R. Sarkar's Governing Reason For Resignation Of Ministership

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

"At a time when a terrible war is being waged for upholding the principles of Democracy, the demand that on the will of a minority must depend the fate of the future political advancement of the country is highly contradictory. In laying down the reins of office I have been animated by no bitterness. I have not resigned in anger but in sorrow and in all humility".

Thus declared the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, Finance Minister, in the course of a statement made in the Bengal Assembly to-day on his resignation.

He declared that the issue involved in his resignation was not a provincial one. It was a national issue. In fact, it went far beyond the bounds of the nation and might rightly be regarded as international.

WHY HE JOINED MINISTRY.

Speaking as to why he joined the Ministry Mr. Sarkar said that the Communal Award was a fundamental limb of the constitution, and the elections were held on that basis. He had hoped that if the Hindus and the Muslims joined hands and worked for one end, namely the amelioration of the economic condition of the masses, the communal emphasis in our political life might gradually be toned down and communal harmony be allowed to prevail in place of the present tension and bitterness between the Hindus and Muslims.

He then narrated how his hopes in this regard were gradually foiled, and how the Bengal Cabinet gradually yielded place to "rashness and selfish predilections of the party which was predominantly communal in complexion.

SARAT BOSE'S TRIBUTE.

In conclusion, Mr. Sarkar said "Muslims are in charge of the administration of a highly cultured and progressive province like Bengal. Let them act in a spirit that will enhance the glory of Bengal and entitle them to be considered by the civilised world as worthy of the legacy they have inherited."

SOBER AND STERN STATEMENT.

Mr. Sarat Bose, Leader of the Opposition speaking on Mr. Sarkar's statement characterised it as most sober and temperate, but stern and unbending. This sternness and unbending nature which Mr. Sarkar had displayed on the occasion of the War resolution, Mr. Sarat Bose hoped, would in the near future be an asset to the Opposition.—United Press.

Suhrawardy To Succeed N. R. Sarkar?

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The "United Press" understands that following the resignation of Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, the Finance portfolio will go to the Hon'ble Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, Labour Minister. When the report of the Public Accounts Committee was taken up in the Bengal Legislative Council to-day a point was raised that in the absence of the Finance Minister the report could not be discussed when Mr. Suhrawardy offered to pilot the report.

The President allowed discussion on the report with the remark that he took it that Mr. Suhrawardy held the charge of finance.

A "communique" regarding the distribution of portfolios and appointment of a successor to Mr. Sarkar is expected to be issued to-morrow.—United Press.

HUNDRED "REDS" ARRESTED IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 20.

Over a hundred men accused of Communistic activities have been arrested in Paris and Toulouse by a Government order, according to a "New York Times" dispatch from Hamilton (Bermuda).—Reuter.

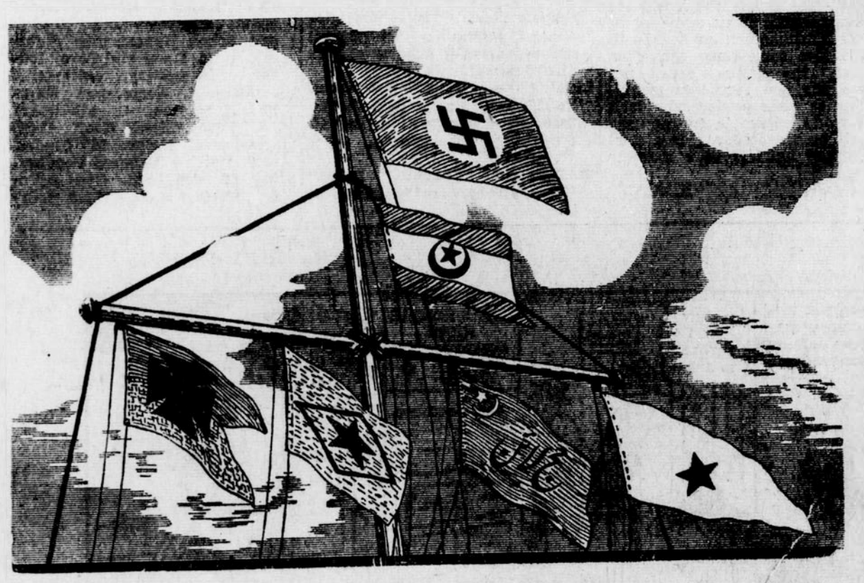
'Ark Royal' Not Sunk, Admit Germans

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The German Propaganda Ministry now admit that the 'Ark Royal' which they claimed was sunk in the North Sea is still afloat and in service.—Reuter.

Marriage Of Justice Wassoodew's Son

The marriage of Mr. Suman, son of the Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. K. B. Wassoodew, with Miss Meena Desai, was celebrated at Warden Road on Wednesday. There was a large and distinguished gathering present.



JHANDA UNCHA RAHE HAMARA

The Bombay Steam Falls in Step with the March of National Shipping.

FATHER vs. DAUGHTER—— Gyani and Ramola Devi in "Aulad" at the Krishna.

The Return Of Gohar

By "STUDIO SPY"

AFTER MONTHS AND MONTHS OF WAITING WE ARE AT LAST GOING TO SEE "ACHHUT," THE RANJIT PICTURE WHICH OPENS AT THE OPERA HOUSE ON SATURDAY.

Having been under production perhaps for more time than any single Indian picture "Achhut" is expected to provide the final vindication of the Ranjit Studios' new policy of providing thought-provoking films on deeper themes instead of the popular 'thrillers' and romantic comedies in which they had once specialized.

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"Sant Tulsidas," the box-office sensation that made for Ranjit perhaps more money than half a dozen average Indian productions, was technically marvellous but, in its treatment, was meant to appeal to the devotional-minded masses rather than the discriminating intellectuals.

"Achhut" is said to be a bold departure from everything Ranjit have produced so far. Dramatizing a vital, socially significant theme it is expected to take a progressive and democratic attitude to the problem of untouchability.

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For the fans, "Achhut" will be notable for the return of Gohar—the one time queen of the Indian screen.

It seems decades but it was only a few years ago that Gohar—her name lent itself easily to all alliterations like Gorgeous, Glorious, Glamorous and *Gorangi*—was on the top rung of the ladder of fame. Her fans numbered tens of thousands and each one of her films—to mention only a few "Barrister's Wife," "Miss 1933" and "Devi Devayani"—achieved phenomenal box-office success. From a salaried artiste she rose to the position of co-partner of Ranjit Studios. And then suddenly she retired from the screen and one thought a chapter had closed in the annals of the Indian screen.

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New stars appeared on the Indian filmament—Devika Rani, Uma Shashi, Jamuna, Kananbala, Shanta Apte and the rest of them—and the fickle-minded fans even forgot the name of Gohar.

To-day with the same characteristic daring that made her retire when she was on top, she has staged a come-back. She is the star of "Achhut."

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A Borah Muslim by birth, Gohar is an interesting personality; not one of our slim flashing fire-flies but a dignified, quiet-toned almost 'matronly' lady, gentle and polite to a degree; surprisingly well-read, and a shrewd businesswoman. Among her studio staff—indeed, among all those who know her—she is extremely popular.

That in "Achhut" she will give a sincere, carefully-drawn portrayal, goes without saying. But it is a moot question whether she will succeed in recapturing the vast popularity that she once enjoyed. This Cinema is a funny business and neither talent nor experience count at the box-office.

GOHAR
the star of "Achhut" who is subject of Studio Spy's comments this week.

"Illusion" In Tamil

Maya Machindra To Be Repeated At Plaza During Xmas

'Maya Machindra,' the Tamil Talkie was shown at Plaza on Sunday morning. It was the Tamil version of "Illusion" with Kamrupdesh (Assam) as the back ground. The forces of femininity arm and mobilise themselves for a crusade against the mere male. "Injustice has been thy lot, oh women. Man has falsely styled you as weaklings, chained you to the bonds of the household, jailed you within the four walls of your own homes, forced you to slave for him, all the time calling you the weaker sex." War on men and male-slaughter became the slogan of the Amazon Kingdom established under the regime of Urmila.

In contrast to this, peace prevails where man is one with God at the Ashram of Guru Machidra where woman is considered as the proverbial temptress to lure man to fall from the divine pedestal. "Jai Alak Niranjan" is the cry of these militant Sadhus who will not let the shadow of the feminine form to fall on their Ashram. When the Amazon forces and the Ashramite battalions line in close proximity, frontier incidents are bound to crop up and the story is full of such incidents. Though the story ends in the unfurling of the Ashramite flag everywhere, we are initiated into the mysteries of the Amazon raj where the hand does not rock the cradle but holds the sceptre. Within the four walls guarded by crack women battalions, is a merry-go-round of non-stop dances, and music, where the buxom wenches vamp their time away in frolicsome games. Messrs. M. K. Radha, M. R. Krishnamurti, N. S. Krishnan and Miss M. B. Radhabai star in this picture. Sarada plays the role of Mauninath and is very impressive as the prodigy prince. The songs are composed by Papanasam Sivan and Messrs. M. R. Krishnamurti and M. K. Radha give some fine song-hits. Though the picture does not create any new record in technique or as class production, it is thoroughly enjoyable to the last. It will be repeated at Plaza during X'mas holidays as a morning show.

K. A. C.

Film Of Mahatma's Life In 21 Languages!

By K. AHMAD ABBAS

SOMEWHERE in Bombay are lying a number of round tin boxes, in no way different from the usual cinema film containers. Within them lies fifty thousand feet of film which took two years to collect from the ends of the earth. Out of this vast quantity of celluloid will emerge one of the most unique motion pictures ever produced in the world—a film biography of Mahatma Gandhi!

This ambitious project was conceived not by one of our movie kings but by a young man from South India who, fired by the ambition to place before the world the picturized life of Mahatma Gandhi, started this venture practically without any resources. His name is A. K. Chettiar. I met him yesterday.

It is interesting to hear Chettiar who looks likes a University graduate talking about this stupendous task that he has undertaken. Modestly he disclaims any special distinction for himself and gives the credit to a group of his friends who, on his suggestion, pooled their resources to form the Documentary Films Limited. Before the concern was floated it was already decided that "Mahatma Gandhi" would be the first subject they would produce.

Unique Documentary

Chettiar, who is a trained cinematographer and worked in U. S. A. for a year as a newsreel cameraman for Pathe News, brought to bear upon the projected film the latest technique of making documentary pictures in the newsreel tradition. The material for the film was to be collected from all available newsreels in which Mahatma Gandhi has figured though, of course, many photographs, newspaper posters and headlines would also go into it to fill up the gaps and give a complete continuity. Only a few documentary films have hitherto been made on these lines—"Czar To Lenin" and "Three Songs Of Lenin" in Soviet Russia, Bernard Shaw's "King's People" about the reign of King George V. and Hemingway-Joris Ivens' "Spanish Earth."

Toured Four Continents

Having completed the preliminary arrangements in India, Chettiar embarked on a strange odyssey in the course of which he travelled almost a hundred thousand miles through four continents. Wherever he could get even a scrap of film bearing on Mahatma Gandhi's life, he went.

In the cource of his tour he saw half a million feet of film from which he selected and bought fifty thousand feet. For some pieces he had to pay fancy prices, while one historical newsreel he got free from a European admirer of Mahatma Gandhi.

Historic Scenes

Among these bits of celluloid, assembled from places as far removed as South Africa and Italy, are such historic scenes as

The reception to Gokhale when he visited Johannesburg and was received by the Mayor and an Indian barrister, in European clothes, named Mohandas Gandhi,

Tilak's funeral in Bombay, 1920,

Mahatma Gandhi on board s.s. "Rajputana" on his way to attend the Round Table Conference,

Mahatma Gandhi talking to Charlie Chaplin,

Mahatma Gandhi entering St. James Palace, and

Mahatma Gandhi reviewing Italian troops in Rome.

Daily Routine Film

Among other things, the film when completed will contain

The interview about Mahatma Gandhi that the late President V. J. Patel gave in New York,

A special interview with Romain Rolland in which the world-famous savant has spoken some inspiring words about the personality of the Mahatma,

A special interview with the American writer Patricia Kendall.

All the important landmarks in Mahatma Gandhi's life—the house where he was born, the house where he lived in Johannesburg, the Sabarmati Ashram, the Yeravda jail, etc.—will also be seen. Chettiar was privileged to remain for some days in Gandhiji's Ashram when he quietly filmed the daily routine of the Mahatma.

Multi-Lingual

The film, in its Indian version, will measure about 12,000 feet but for foreign countries it will be cut down to a bare three thousand feet. To begin with, it will be released in three versions with commentary in Tamil, Telugu and Hindustani. The Tamil commentary will be spoken by Mr. Satyamurti. There will be two different versions in English—one for U. S. A. (commentary for which will be spoken by the well-known American commentator, Lowell Thomas) and the other for the rest of the English-speaking world. Chettiar himself may fly to America with a copy to show it first, if possible, to President Roosevelt.

The Documentary Films Ltd., have offers from most European countries including Sweden, Finland, Italy, etc., to release this film in those countries with separate commentaries to be superimposed in those countries in the respective native languages. If the war does not interfere with the plans, the film will be seen throughout the world in as many as 21 languages! which, I believe, will establish a record in the history of film production.

Picture Of India

While mainly describing the life of Mahatma Gandhi, this film will also provide a pictorial record of the political background. Thus the various Congress sessions, salt satyagraha, Civil Disobedience activities, processions, hartals etc. will figure in the picture.

The main work in connection with this picture has been completed and Chettiar hopes to release it at the time of the forthcoming Congress Session.

Three hundred and fifty million Indians, not to speak of the world outside, are waiting to see it.

BOMBAY FILM DIARY

CENTRAL: "Admi" Prabhat production: India's greatest picture of the year starring Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak. No intelligent cinegoer dare miss it. (15th week).

IMPERIAL: "As You Please." Sudama's maiden offering, starring Sabita Devi and Motilal with Vasantee and Mazhar Khan. Excellent comedy. Should be seen. (Seventh week).

KRISHNA: "Aulad." Film Corporations' production, featuring

P. JAIRAJ
the popular screen star, who was recently married.

Ramola Devi, Gyani, Rajendra and Muzammil. Sentimental melodrama with popular appeal. (Third week).

LAMINGTON: "Kahan Hai Manzil Teri?" featuring Ila Devi, Radha Rani, Harischandra. Story with a pre-historic background. (Seventh week).

MAJESTIC: "Bhagwa Zenda" (Marathi) Saraswati's historical picture, featuring Londhe, Chandrakant, Ratnamala, Sheelavati, etc. (Third week).

MINERVA: "Pukar", Sohrab Modi's screen achievement reviving the old Moghul glory. Featuring Naseem, Chandra Mohan and Sohrab Modi. Very popular. Should be seen. (20th week).

OPERA HOUSE: "Sant Tulsidas" —Ranjit's devotional picture. Starring Leela Chitnis, Pagnis, Vasantee, K. Datey. (Last week).

PATHE: "On The River." (Nadi Kinare), starring Kumar and Sitara. Crude but rollicking entertainment. Good Songs. (Sixth and last week).

ROXY: "Kangan," Bombay Talkies' latest, starring Leela Chitnis and Ashok Kumar with Mubarak, V. H. Desai and Saroj Borkar. Interesting, sentimental melodrama. Some good songs. Should be seen. (Eighth week).

WEST END: "Mera Haq." Hun's sociological picture in Hindustani, starring Baburao Pendharkar, Minakshi, etc. Good acting by principal stars. (Third week).

PANJRATAN PRODUCTIONS

Perhaps the only production unit, of its kind is 'Panjratan Productions' recently formed in Bombay. The concern has been floated, on a co-operative, profit-sharing basis, by five film artistes and technicians—Mohamed Ishaq, Khalil Ahmed, Mirza Musharraf, Rafique A. Razvi and Yaqub. Rafique Razvi will direct while the story has been written by the popular comedian, Mirza Musharraf.

The first picture which will be produced at the Grand National Studios has been titled "Promise." It is to be hoped they will keep it!

BIMLA KUMARI AS A MEDICAL STUDENT!

In Bhavnani Productions' forthcoming sociological picture "Naked Truth", Bimla Kumari is cast as a medical student! Her father (Navin Yagnik) is an idealist doctor, who has dedicated his life to the service of humanity. The doctor is out to preach the truth about a fell disease. The doctor's daughter is her father's helpmate in this humanitarian work. But there are complications—concerning heart affairs! The story is said to afford full scope to the histrionic abilities of the talented cast headed by Bimla Kumari, Sharifa, Navin Yagnik, Trilok Kapur, and Nayampally.

KHURSHID (Anuradha) and Abdul Kader in "Daughters Of India" to be released on Saturday at Pathe.

Auzurie Fights Her Past

By D. C. S.

AUZURIE
who opens a short dance season at the Capitol on Saturday.

The engagement of Auzurie and her troupe for a second season at the Capitol provides an occasion to review her past career with special reference to her recent achievements.

Among the artistes who have entered the field of the cultural dance in recent years, none had to face such difficulties and obstacles as have fallen to the lot of Auzurie in her struggles to win the recognition that she has now secured from critics and the public alike.

Her first appearance in January last as an exponent of the classical dance-art was, in some places and particularly in Bombay, regarded as a bold and rash venture that might be doomed to failure. There were several circumstances that had built up some prejudices and misconceptions against her, in the minds of many who had not the opportunity of seeing her achievements in the new phase of her career.

SHADOWED BY HER PAST.

In the first place, Auzurie was shadowed by her past—the past that had known her mostly as a film-dancer providing the kind of work required by the directors and producers for "box-office appeal." No doubt her talents and inherent gift for rhythm had given her a distinctive place in this field. But that did not affect her status in the eyes of "Society". She was only a film-dancer, after all! How could she be expected to make any impression in classical work? It was like Mae West trying the art of Greta Garbo, said the critics.

So this was the past that Auzurie had to fight against to get a chance to appear in a decent theatre patronised by intellectuals and "highbrows." And no wonder that when the Capitol Theatre in Bombay booked her show in January last, there were many who considered that the management were taking a great risk. But little did the critics imagine that their pessimistic prophesy was soon to be falsified by results.

It was, again, an uphill task for Auzurie to win recognition from a discriminating and critical public, coming as she did, the last in the field. Others had preceded her with varying degrees of success—Uday Shanker, Menaka, Ragini Devi, and Sadhona Bose. Had Auzurie to offer something new, something distinctive, that would carve out a place for herself in the new sphere? That was the difficult test she had to satisfy.

Even as a child, she showed her talents in an unmistakable way. And when she grew up, she used to take part in amateur performances against the opposition of her father, a well known medical man in Bombay, who wanted her to be a nurse. It was the late Sir Pochkhanawalla of the Central Bank who discovered her talent about eight years ago and gave her a dancing role in a Parsi play which he produced.

She later found fuller scope for her talents in film-work. But the type of dances she was required to give for the screen did not satisfy her instinct for art. And, therefore, for the past three years she gradually curtailed her screen appearances, devoting most of her time to visiting various places through the country to extend her study of the classical and traditional dancing. She particularly tried to acquire a thorough knowledge of the ancient art in her home-country of Cochin and the adjacent provinces of Malabar, Madras, etc.

Simultaneously she made a study of the Hindu "puranas", the Ramayana and Mahabharat which have provided her with a wide variety of subjects for her classical dances.

And now when she feels herself thoroughly prepared for the task, she came out before the public a year ago and won instant recognition for her natural gift of rhythm and her knack of infusing a vivacity and sparkle into the age-old dance-forms.

HOLLYWOOD CHANCES ITS MIND TOO OFTEN!

Most changed title of 1939 is probably the new Madeleine Carrol opus. It started as "Free Women." After a few weeks it was changed to "Are Husbands Necessary?" Miss Carroll about to divorce Captain Philip Astley objected on the grounds that the title was likely to be embarrassing to her, and it became, "My Love For Yours."

That lasted exactly four days, and for all of twenty-four hours, the production was known as "It Happens to Women." For a while it reverted to "My Love For Yours."

And now it is being released as "Honeymoon in Bali."

—Picturegoer.

"Daughters Of India" At Pathe From Saturday

At the Pathe from Saturday is to be shown Super Pictures' production "Daughters of India" which seems to be another of those ultra-sentimental melodramas glorifying the "Ideal Hindu Wife"!

The story, we are told, centres round three typical Indian wives and the manner in which they react to the different situations in which they find themselves placed in their life.

The first type represents the ideal Hindu wife with her attitude of meek submission to the household, humbly resigned to the wishes of her husband.

The second type makes many sacrifices and after much suffering achieves happiness.

The third type presents the frivolous wife with a half-digested education which expresses itself in her fondness for the superficial interests in life.

HERO OF "BHABI" MARRIES

A large number of studio executives, film stars, technicians and film journalists were present at the wedding, on Friday last, of P. Jairaj, the well-known film star, to Kumari Savitri, daughter of Mr. S. V. Kriparam, the editor of the Delhi film weekly, "Movies."

P. Jairaj, it will be recalled, played the leading role in Bombay Talkies popular picture, "Bhabi." He is appearing at present in Ranjit pictures.

MUTT AND JEFF—A Modern Convenience!

By BUD FISHER

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AND I SAY HE LOST AT TWENTY MINUTES TO THREE! NOW DON'T BOTHER ME!
-AND I SAY HE WON! I'LL HOUND YOU UNTIL YOU PAY ME!
I WANT WHAT I'M ENTITLED TO AND--
TO ALL TRAINS
CHECK PARCELS HERE
INSERT TEN CENTS REMOVE KEY
MUTT, LEMME OUT! HEY!
BANG! BANG! BANG!

World Of Sports: Home And Abroad

Futile Efforts In Tennis Ranking In India

(BY LOOKER-ON.)

The All-India Lawn Tennis Association has just issued their Ranking Lists for men and women. They stand as follows:—

Men: 1. Ghaus Mahomed, 2. S. L. R. Sawhney, 3. B. T. Blake, 4. T. K. Ramanathan and Y. R. Savur, 6. Y. Singh, 7. E. V. Bobb, 8. J. M. Mehta, 9. S. A. Azim and Iftikhar Ahmed.

Women: 1. Mrs. J. Boland, 2. Miss Leela Row, 3. Miss L. Woodbridge, 4. Mrs. Money, 5. Mrs. K. L. C. Poott, 6. Miss H. Harvey-Johnstone.

MERE GUESS-WORK

As I remarked on a previous occasion, these lists have become meaningless. They do not represent the comparative merits and strength of the players concerned nor do they show their achievements during the season. Most of these rankings have been done with insufficient data. Consequently they are mere guess-work without any intrinsic value. One effect of these rankings has been that the leading players avoid one another as far as possible for fear of defeat and consequent loss of rank. There is no doubt this has retarded the progress of most of them. The A. I. L. T. A. will be well-advised to follow the example of the British L. T. A. and stop the rankings from next year. It will do good to Indian Tennis and the players themselves.

UNCERTAINTY OF CRICKET.

The glorious uncertainty of cricket was nicely exemplified by the defeat of Nawanagar at the hands of their weaker neighbour, Baroda, in the inter-Provincial Cricket Championship Tournament. The former is recognised as one of the hot favourites for the Ranji Trophy, while the latter does not claim any pretensions for championship honours. With the redoubtable Amarsingh and Banerjee on their side, Nawanagar was confident of making short-work of Baroda. It may be that the unavoidable absence of Vinoo Mankad made a lot of difference to their team. But that was not all. Their real difficulty was the presence of C. S. Nayudu in the Baroda. The Indore player proved to be a host in himself in every department of the game and carried his side on his own shoulders to victory.

BOWLER NO. 1.

While C. S. bagged 13 wickets—8 in the second innings—Amarsingh and Banerjee had 3 and 5 respectively to their credit. Nobody can deny now that the Younger Nayudu is the most effective bowler in India to-day. In addition he scored 55 runs. Undoubtedly he has become an acquisition to Baroda. H. Adhikari who was recently seen in the Bombay Pentangular as a reserve, enhanced his claim as a first rate batsman by knocking up 160 runs off the bowling of Amarsingh and Banerjee. The elimination of Nawanagar at this early stage makes the tournament very interesting. Baroda meets the Western India States next. They should not find it difficult to over power them. In the meantime Maharashtra, who are to encounter the winners of the above match are strengthening their combination by the inclusion of the Indore player, V. S. Hazare.

INTER-COLLEGIATE CRICKET

Rahimtoola Cup For Elphinstone College

The final of the Rahimtoola Cup Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament played during the last three days between Elphinstone College and Sydenham College, on the Bombay Gymkhana ground, resulted in a decisive victory for the former by 275 runs. Resuming their second venture on Wednesday, the Elphinstonians were all out for 276, U. M. Chandarana being top scorer with 92. Set with the unenviable task of scoring 416 runs to win, Sydenham College found the ordeal too much for them and were skittled out for 140 runs, leaving their opponents decisive and deserving winners of the trophy.

ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE

249 and 276 (U. M. Chandarana 92, B. G. Patel 41, Reshamwalla 3 for 26, V. N. Raiji 3 for 29, M. N. Raiji 3 for 105.)

SYDENHAM COLLEGE

110 and 140.

DAS GUPTA'S XI BEAT MITTER'S.

A friendly cricket match between G. C. Mitter's XI and A. K. Das Gupta's XI was played at the Haffkine Institute ground, Parel, on Sunday last. The former suffered a defeat by one wicket and 24 runs.

'Impervious To All Reason'

Raza Ali Joins Issue Against Congress

MORADABAD, Dec. 19.

In a statement to press Sir Raza Ali says:

"I have just returned from a tour in which I had numerous opportunities of ascertaining views of leading Muslims and representatives of some other minorities on Mr. Jinnah's proposal. In my judgment Congress leaders' outburst against Mr. Jinnah is greatly to be deplored. If they had shown tolerance, December, 22 would have passed off without anybody being seriously disturbed about it for every section of population has the right to say how it feels on public questions.

Eminent Congress leaders have joined in attacking Mr. Jinnah and some of the arguments employed are extremely reckless. The charge of the league conspiring with British imperialism against country's freedom is keenly resented by Muslim community.

The declaration of abandonment of proposed talks between Mr. Nehru and Mr. Jinnah as punishment shows a mentality impervious to all reason. Mention may also be made of efforts made by Congress to stir up Hindu community which cannot be held responsible for actions of defunct Congress Governments and to instigate impulsive Muslims to revolt against Mr. Jinnah in the name of patriotism.

"BRUSHED ASIDE"

It is astounding that specific charges some of which have been published by the Bengal Premier are sought to be brushed aside on the plea that they were inquired into and found untrue by those against whom they are preferred, thus advancing fantastic claim that accused can be judged in his own case. Even the proposal for appointment of a Royal Commission is challenged on the plea that Indian affairs should not form the subject of scrutiny by His Majesty's Government. The fact is that responsibility for unjust treatment of Muslim and other minorities goes to the Congress High Command which by spurning co-operation by other political parties in 1937 tried to imitate Fascist and Nazi leaders forgetting that in view of India's peculiar position it is impossible for Congress to win independence by engaging in warfare against other political parties.—A. P.

Deliverance Day Observed At Aligarh

ALIGARH, Dec. 19.

With the special permission of Mr. Jinnah, the "Deliverance Day" was observed in the Muslim University Union Hall last night, Dr. Abid Ahmad Ali presiding. The hall was packed to its utmost capacity, prominent among those present being Nawabzada Liaqat Ali Khan, Secretary of the All-India Muslim League, Sir Raza Ali, Maulana Abdul Hamid, and K. B. Obaidur Rahman.

A resolution condemning Mr. Abdul Rahman Siddiqui's attack on Mr. Jinnah as highly subversive of discipline and declaring that Muslim youths were solidly behind Mr. Jinnah was passed.

The draft resolution for the Deliverance Day was moved by Mr. Jamil Uddin Ahmad, who gave touching accounts of alleged atrocities perpetrated on Muslims in Cawnpore and in other places. He declared that Mr. Ghandi alone was responsible for the present stale-mate in Indian politics for he refused to face realities. Indian Muslims he declared, would now march on to their national goal, irrespective of British Imperialism and Congress Communalism.—A. P.

"DELIVERANCE DAY" GATHERS STRENGTH

Minority Communities Support

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

Nineteen District Muslim Leagues and 110 primary leagues in the province of Bombay will observe the "Day of Deliverance" on December 21 and 22 according to the instructions issued to them by the Provincial League. The League Committee programmes will not be marked by anything that will be ostentatious. Thanksgiving prayers will be held in mosques all over the province on Friday noon, immediately after the Juma prayers. The Provincial Muslim League, it is learnt, has received a large number of messages from all over the province from members of minority communities, promising co-operation in the observance of the "Day of Deliverance". District League Committees as well as the primary committees have invited representatives of minority communities to address public meetings convened on December 21 and 22.

ELABORATE PREPARATIONS

In connection with the day's celebrations, the ward committees in Bombay have decided to erect four gates which will be named after prominent leaders.

"Sir Sikander Gate" will be put up at Kolsa Street. Another gate at Tambakanta will be named after Mr. Jinnah.

Two more gates are to be erected at Narayan Dhuru Strect and near Minara Masjid. One will be named after Sir Saadulla and the other after Mr. Fazlul Huq respectively.

The "B" Ward Primary Muslim League has convened a public meeting at 9-30 p.m. on Thursday at Imambada Road, near Mogul Musjid. Mr. Noor Mohomed Ahmed will preside.

The main function in Bombay will come off at 9-30 p.m. on Friday when a public meeting convened at Mohomedali Road will be addressed by representatives of minority communities. Mr. Chundrigar, M.L.A., will preside.

TRIBUTES TO MR. V. H. ANKLESARIA'S SERVICES

Portrait Unveiled At New Training College

(From Our Correspondent)

SURAT, Dec. 20.

The opening ceremony of the portrait of Mr. V. H. Anklesaria well-known educationist and the retired Head-Master of the Sorabji High School, and which at present has been turned into a Training College was performed last evening, at the High School compound when prominent citizens and educationists were present. High School compound was specially decorated by flags while a special dais was also made near the compound.

Rao Bahadur Bhupatrai Shastri, a retired Educational Inspector performed the ceremony. Mr. Vyas, Headmaster and Principal of the school (Training College) and the President praised the services of Mr. Anklesaria. Past students and students of the Training College and lady students went through the programme of recitations.

DEDUCTION IN MINIMUM PRICE OF BIHAR CANE

PATNA, Dec. 18.

A deduction of six pies per maund from the minimum prices of cane for a period of one month. From December 17, 1939, has been allowed by Government according to an announcement made in a press note. The deduction applies to cane of the varieties "co.210 and co.213" at the purchasing centres situated in the following tracts: the districts of Champaran, Saran, Darbhanga and Muzaffarpur.

The "serious outbreak of red rot and wilt" in sugarcane of the above varieties in the Tirhut Division, adds the note, has resulted in lowering the average standard of cane for the area and it is necessary that the cane so infected by disease should be crushed by the factories as soon as possible. The deduction has been allowed with this end in view and to prevent the spread of the epidemic and ensure the planting of improved and hardy varieties.—A. P.

NO TRUCK WITH AMBEDKAR

Nationalist Harijan Party Secretary's Statement

Mr. N. S. Kajrolkar, General Secretary, Independent Nationalist Harijan Party, writes:—

On behalf of the Nationalist Harijan Party I have to make it clear to the public in general that Dr. Ambedkar's statement endorsing Mr. Jinnah's 'Deliverance Day' programme has neither the authority nor the support of any of the non-Mahar sections of the depressed or scheduled classes, either of this city or the presidency.

Parel Hindu Sabha

Mr. V. R. Nawalkar writes:—

The following Resolution was passed at the Meeting of the Managing Committee of the Parel Hindu Sabha held on Monday.

This meeting of the Managing Committee of Parel Hindu Sabha strongly protest against the statement alleged to have been made by Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole, the President of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to the representative of the "Times of India" and published in the issue of the "Times of India" of the 18th instant, withdrawing the Resolution recently passed by the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha at its annual General Meeting in connection with the Deliverance Day Appeal of Mr. M. A. Jinnah and asserts that, as the Hindu Sabha is a Democratic Organisation, its President has no right whatsoever to withdraw the Resolution once passed except with the consent of the majority of the body.

This meeting, therefore, calls upon the Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha to convene a meeting, to discuss the constitutional issue involved so that proper action may be taken in the matter.

FRONTIER BAN ON U. P. MAGAZINE

Copies Of "Baghi" Annual Number Forfeited

PESHAWAR, Dec. 19.

The Governor of the North-West Frontier Province has declared to be forfeited to His Majesty all copies of the November issue—Annual Number—of the "Baghi", Urdu monthly of Lucknow, edited and published by Yashpal and printed by Syed Tausal Hussain at the United India Press, Lucknow, and all other documents containing copies, reprints, translations of or extracts from the said journal, on the ground that it contains matter of the nature described in Section 4 of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act.—United Press.

U. K. Parliamentary Association Formed

CALCUTTA, December 20.

A branch of the United Kingdom Parliamentary Association was formed in Calcutta at a meeting of the members of the two Houses of Bengal Legislature held to-day under the presidency of the Hon. Mr. S. C. Mitra, President of the Bengal Legislative Council.—United Press.

Cuban Sugar Quota

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

White House now reports President Roosevelt did not sign the Restoration of the Cuban Sugar-quota but a document restoring the former sugar import duties. No details are given. The President's secretary stated that President Roosevelt made slip of tongue when he made the earlier statement at a press conference.—Reuter.

Plight Of Barsi Agriculturists

(From Our Correspondent)

BARSI (By Mail).

Agricultural outlook of Barsi Taluka is far from satisfactory this year. The ground-nut crop did not give a good yield for want of sufficient rain. The jowar crop has suffered on account of severe cold that was experienced recently. Consequently there is acute distress among the peasants some of whom, are migrating to Sugar Factory area and Latur side. The farmers are selling their cattle at very low prices.

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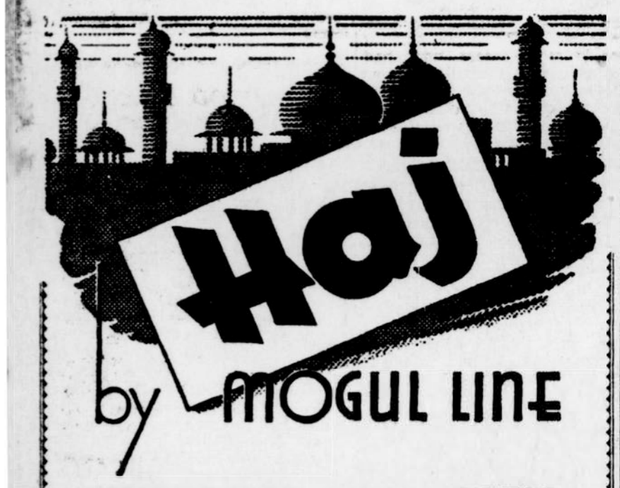

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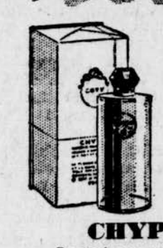

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Bombay Prepares For Freedom's Struggle

City Congress Committee Chalks Out Programme And Appoints Council Of Action

The power of co-option, where it felt necessary in the interests of Congress work, was conferred on the 'Council of Action' of the B. P. C. C. at its urgent meeting held on Wednesday at the Congress House. Mr. S. K. Patil, outlining the programme of work before the Council moved that a sum of Rs. 2,500 may be allotted to carry out its work.

The sum was sanctioned.

He said in the next few weeks the Council would ginger up their activity and would enable the B. P. C. C. to maintain its pre-eminent position in Congress politics.

SATYAGRAHA PREPARATION

The programme before them was on the lines of Gandhiji's advice as also that of the Working Committee of the Congress. They should be prepared for a struggle and the Council shall enrol Satyagraha volunteers. Satyagraha was not an accident with the Congress but was its permanent feature. Also the B. P. C. C. and the seven D.C.C.'s in the City would organise spinning demonstration centres to attend which was incumbent on all the Committee members as well as the Satyagrahis. Among other things, the Council would undertake, according to the new orientation of Congress work, to do propaganda for inter-communal amity, and would spread knowledge regarding the Congress position in regard to war, and Constituent Assembly, besides the constructive programme of the Congress.

The Council in the course of its work would co-opt members who would be helpful in the furtherance of the above programme, for instance those who could help in the inter-communal fraternisation programme.

The co-opted members of the Council shall not in any case exceed the present strength of the Committee, viz., 8.

COUNCIL OF ACTION

It may be recalled at the last meeting of the B. P. C. C. a Committee of eight consisting of the office-bearers of the B. P. C. C., five in number, and three more Socialists namely Messrs. Masani, Meherally, and Ashok Mehta was constituted to draw up a plan of action in terms of the suggestions made by the Congress Working Committee. Mr. S. K. Patil said that the 'Committee' shall be called hence forward 'Council of Action.'

The B. P. C. C., next abrogated the rules it framed before, regarding the Bombay Seva Dal and adopted a new set of rules for its conduct. Two corps of the Bombay Seva Dal, of men and women volunteers are to be constituted

Dr. T. R. Narvane, and Mrs. Safia Khan were appointed by the Committee as G. O. C.'s of men and women volunteers respectively.

Mr. S. S. Batliwala wanted that the G. O. C.'s should be elected by the volunteers. He said in a Congress organisation, the principle of democracy should be introduced.

Mr. S. K. Patil explained that he had no objection to accept the principle and adopting the method as a trial for a few years. But, he pleaded, at that juncture, centralisation was the need of the hour.

The latter view prevailed and the appointments were made.

APPEAL OVER G.O.C.'S ORDERS

The rules provided for an appeal to the Committee in case of disciplinary action at the hands of the G.O.C.'s.

The duties of the 'Dal' shall be to do active service in connection with the carrying out of the Congress programme.

DAL MEMBERS AND SATYAGRAHIS

A distinction, however, was made between the volunteers of the 'Dal' and Satyagrahi volunteers, in that though both were to be prepared for the extreme action of offering Satyagraha, the latter would not be subject to drills and other training.

The Committee also made certain changes in regard to the District Council Election Rules according to the B.P.C.C. Constitution (under Art. II 9-a).

Kannada Conferences At Belgaum

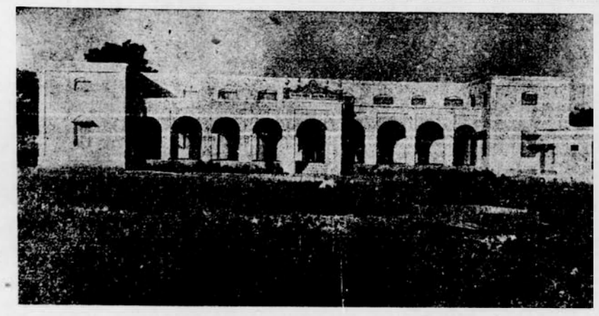
(From Our Correspondent).

BELGAUM, Dec. 20.

The 24th Kannada Literary Conference will be held at the Salimar Talkies, Belgaum on December 25, 26 and 27. Mr. Mudvedkar Krishnarao will preside over the Conference, which will be inaugurated by Mr. B. L. Sardesai of Vantmuri.

Several subsidiary gatherings are also to be held, the chief of which is a conference of all Karnatak journalists, which is to be presided over by Mrs. R. Kalyanamma, Editor, "Saraswati," Bangalore.

Besides this there is to be a conference of Associations presided over by Mr. B. M. Srikantayya, a dramatic conference to be inaugurated by Mr. T. P. Kailasam and presided over by Mr. R. V. Jahagirdar, a Women's Art Exhibition, an exhibition of ancient manuscripts, reading of essays and papers, enactment of plays and many other activities.



(Left) Late Sheth Veljee Bhimjee, principal donor to the building fund of the School. (Right) The new premises of Sheth Veljee Bhimjee Middle School, Chitroda (Idar State) which will be opened on Monday next by the Maharaja Kumar of Idar State.

SARDARS' DUTY TO BR. EMPIRE

Governor's Address At Ahmedabad Durbar

"The management of land is a responsibility which cannot fairly be delegated wholly to servants, however honest and I am given to understand that some of your Karbharis are not as loyal to their masters or as fair to the tenants as they might be," declared the Governor in the course of his address at the Sardars' Darbar, Ahmedabad on 20th inst.

Continuing His Excellency said:

It cannot be absent from the minds of many of you that no new appointments have been made to your order for some time past. This is due to the fact that under the Constitution Act of 1935 the power to make appointments of the kind ceased to vest in the Government of the Province. I trust, however, that the new procedure which requires reference to His Excellency the Viceroy will shortly be in working order and that the recommendations which have reached me will receive early consideration.

Referring to the European war and India's role His Excellency said:

We are mercifully remote from the present field of conflict but it would be a grave error to suppose that we are immune from danger and a still graver error to suppose that India is disinterested in the result of the conflict. You will naturally ask yourselves where your duty lies at this time of crisis.

I think the answer is not far to seek. The ranks of your Order are filled from the historic families of Gujarat and by others who have secured recognition in virtue of their public services. It is your privilege, therefore, and your duty to give a correct lead to those whom you are competent to influence.

A great majority of you own large agricultural holdings. In co-operation with your tenants and labourers, you can do no better service to the Empire than by increasing production to the maximum extent. A large part of the man power of the allied countries has been drawn into the armies so that grain and cotton will be required in increasing quantity. In supplying this need you will be carrying out an essential service.

I now turn to a matter which has, I am aware caused many of you some concern in recent months. The Bombay Tenancy Bill has passed the Legislature and stands reserved for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor-General. In these circumstances it would be improper for me to discuss its terms.

New Route In Air Service

Kathiawar To Be Linked To Bombay-Karachi Line

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

Rapid development in the internal air transport in this country is evidenced in a new service that will begin to operate early next month.

The new route will link up Kathiawar and Cutch, and will be in the nature of a feeder service from Jamnagar to Bhuj. Kathiawar will thus be connected to the Bombay-Karachi route directly.

The Air Services of India, who are conducting this service, have, it is announced, concluded an arrangement with the Kutch State for purpose.—A. P.

Woodhead's New Job

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

A communique states:—

The Secretary of State for India has appointed Sir John Woodhead, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., as one of his advisers under Sec. 278 of the Government of India Act, 1935.—A. P.

GOVERNOR TOURS VIRAMGAM VILLAGES

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 20.

The Governor of Bombay spent the whole of yesterday in sightseeing and also visited Viramgam taluka where scarcity conditions prevail. At the village of Bhojwa the Governor was welcomed by a crowd of about 2,000 villagers.

His Excellency assured the villagers that he was aware of their lot and that the Government were taking the necessary steps to alleviate their distress.

During his stay in Ahmedabad the Governor intends to visit the Harijan Ashram at Sabarmati.—A. P.

HINDUS ASKED TO SHIFT FROM SMALLER VILLAGES

Govt. Will Provide Migrators With Land

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

As a solution for the unsafety of life and property in the smaller villages in Sind where Hindus are in a microscopic minority, the Hon. Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier of Sind, has enunciated a policy of advising Hindus to leave the same and shift to bigger villages where there are police stations, etc.

In an interview to the "United Press" in this connection the Premier said that the smaller villages must be abandoned as it was difficult to protect the numerous villages.

He advised the Hindus in the smaller villages, therefore, to come away and concentrate in the bigger villages where the Government would provide with police stations and telephone connections. The Premier also promised that the Government would try to give plots to such of the people who thus migrate to bigger villages, and the Government would also try to give them such other help as they possibly could.

Sind Premier's Advice To Hindus And Muslims

KARACHI, Dec. 18.

"I can destroy neither the one community nor the other one and, therefore, you must live together peacefully," declared Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier of Sind, speaking to the representatives of Hindus and Muslims at Shikarpur.

He asked the Muslim Zamindars to take the Hindu refugees back from Shikarpur to their villages and promise them that they would protect their life and property. To Hindus, he said, that they must have faith in the Muslims.

The Premier reaffirmed the policy of the Government to give licences freely and offered the villagers to take permits.—United Press.

The Gudibanda (Taluk Mysore) Conference and the Village Panchayet of Sakunvalli have passed resolutions welcoming the reforms and expressing gratitude to His Highness and his Government for the same.

CHEAP GRAIN SHOPS QUESTION REFERRED TO COMMISSIONER

Why Not Corporation Start Paying War Allowance? Asks I. S. Patel

Questions of price control and necessary help to inferior and low-paid employees were discussed at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Wednesday, Mr. B. N. Karanjia, the Mayor was in the chair.

Two letters, one addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and the other to the Mayor, by the Secretary, Government of Bombay, General Department, on cognate matters formed the subject-matter of discussion.

CHEAP GRAIN SHOPS

The letters referred to a conference, held under the chairmanship of Sir Gilbert Wiles, Chief Adviser to the Governor, on December 13, when questions regarding price control in Bombay. One of the suggestions made at the Conference was that the Municipality might be requested to open cheap grain shops for its employees on the same lines as Government were doing. It was proposed by Government that a few fixed priced shops might be opened and there articles of food stuffs (chiefly grains) would be sold at the 1st September prices to inferior Government servants and low-paid employees.

Apart from the suggestion of opening of cheap grain shops, proposals for the appointment of a Controller of prices and the appointment of a Consultative Committee to advise the Controller, were made and accepted at the conference which was attended by the Mayor.

REFERENCE TO COMMISSIONER

Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji, Leader of the Congress Party, in the Corporation, moved, when the letters came up for consideration, that they be forwarded to the Commissioner for remarks after consulting Government of the exact nature of help required from the Corporation.

Mr. Mathuradas observed that the Commissioner had to inquire into the question and come to a decision as to whether the opening of cheap grain shops or the giving of war allowance would be the best way to meet the situation. It was not possible for them to come to a definite decision, without proper facts and figures at their disposal, although his sympathies were with the inferior servants, as he knew that prices in essential commodities had gone up.

Mr. K. F. Nariman seconded the proposal.

Mr. D. V. Pradhan observed that consumers were not adequately represented in the Consultative Committee proposed by Government.

WANTED STATUTORY BOARD

Mr. Naushir Bharucha remarked that what was wanted was a Statutory Control Board like the Tariff Board with powers to compel both the producers and the distributors to submit to regulation, after prices were fixed.

Mr. M. D. Bhat, the Municipal Commissioner, remarked that the question of the opening of cheap grain shops was not as simple, as it appeared to be at first sight, because there were practical difficulties involved in such a scheme. As regards the question of giving cash war-allowance, he had already prepared a report, but he only waited for the Government to give a lead, because Government was the biggest employer in the Province. Further, the Corporation alone could not take any decision, as it might adversely affect the labour conditions in the city.

"WE SHOULD NOT WAIT"

Mr. I. S. Patel pointed out that the Corporation should not wait for any other body for taking any decision in the matter. He emphasised that conditions were so acute that payment of war-allowance could alone meet the situation. By taking such a decision, he added, the Corporation should give a lead to other bodies.

The resolution, moved by Mr. Mathuradas Tricumji, was passed.

REGISTRATION OF MARRIAGES

At the outset, the Corporation discussed a resolution, moved by Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar, that the Commissioner be requested to submit for their approval proposals for undertaking the work of registration of marriages in the city of Bombay, on payment of some nominal fees.

Mr. Sarang moved an amendment seeking to exclude Muslims from the operation of such a proposal.

Mr. Mohommed Umar Rajab seconded the amendment.

Dr. J. A. Collaco, opposing the resolution observed that those powers should rest with either the Central or the Provincial Governments; otherwise the fees could be evaded by the parties by going out of the Municipal jurisdiction to contract marriages.

Mrs. Leelavati Munshi thought that the resolution was superfluous, as those powers suggested in the resolutions, were already in the Municipal Act.

The resolution was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

The meeting then adjourned till Thursday (to-day).

Prajamandal Secretary Jailed

(From A Correspondent.)

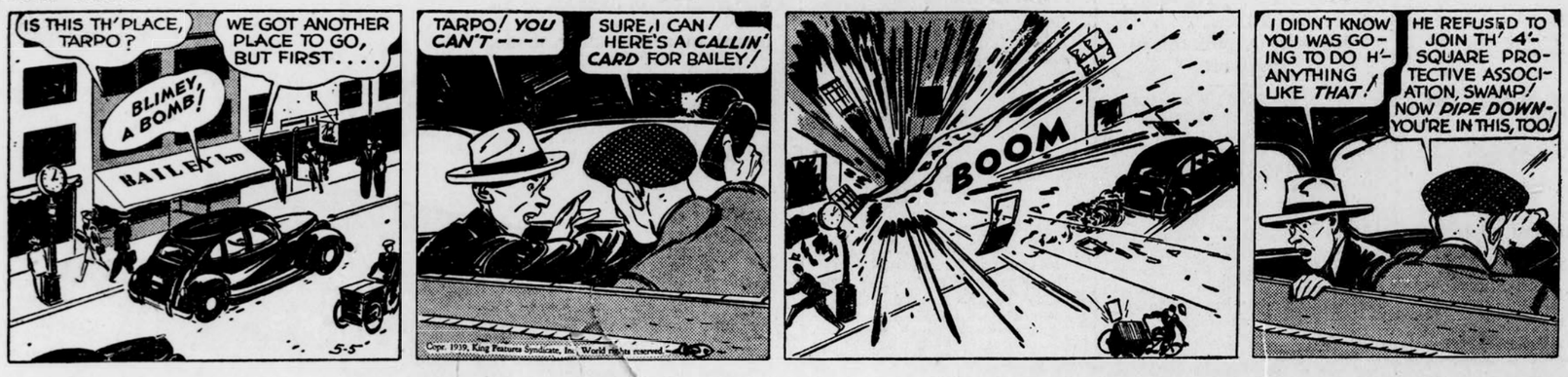
SIROHI, (By Mail).

Shree Jagannath Jani, Secretary Sirohi Rajya Prajamandal, Rohira Branch has been sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment under section 9(1) of Sirohi Public Societies Act and to 6 months' rigorous imprisonment with Rs. 100 fine under section 9(2) of the same Act. In default of payment of fine, three months' rigorous imprisonment will have to be undergone by him. Both the sentences are to run concurrently.

It is reliably understood that the present Dewan of Sirohi State, Mr. G. Laird MacGregor, I.C.S. (Retd.), is to hand over his charge in the first week of January 1940, and is to sail for England by the middle of the month.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE JUG OF DEATH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WE GOT ANOTHER PLACE TO GO, BUT FIRST....
BLIMEY, A BOMB!
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TARPO! YOU CAN'T----
SURE, I CAN! HERE'S A CALLIN' CARD FOR BAILEY!
BOOM
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WAS GOING TO DO H' ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
HE REFUSED TO JOIN TH' 4-SQUARE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION, SWAMP! NOW PIPE DOWN- YOU'RE IN THIS, TOO!

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